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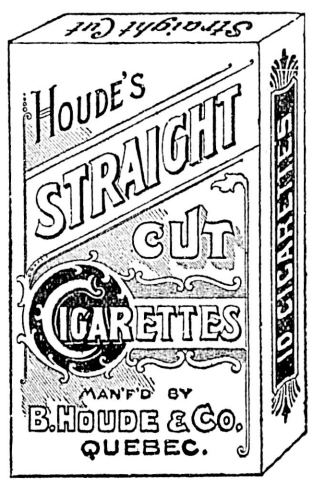

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Fixed Determination That Colonies Shall Never Have Similar Experience.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 14.—The Duke of Devonshire, lord president of the council of ministers, speaking in the city this evening congratulated the country upon the calm it was displaying during a serious crisis and upon the fact that despite the diversity of political opinion there was only one voice regarding the duty of the government to prosecute the war.

"The longer and more arduous the struggle becomes," said his Grace, "the more fixed should be our determination never again to let our African colonies bear the suffering and loss which they are now experiencing."

THE PRESS A UNIT.

The Globe says: "The country is prepared for any sacrifice. In the famous words of Gen. Sheridan, 'All must now go in.'"

The St. James's Gazette says: "When we have retrieved our defeats and have restored the supremacy of our flag we can criticize and investigate. To-day we must act." Continuing it urges the government to take the White Star steamers, from the Oceanic down, and send another army corps to South Africa.

The Westminster Gazette (Liberal), which has actively opposed the war, says: "We are bound to carry the campaign to a successful issue," and adds: "The reckoning with the government will come later."

MORE MEN, SAYS BERESFORD.

Speaking at a unionist meeting in Hackney, London, this evening Rear Admiral Lord Chas. Beresford said that he long ago told the secretary of state for war, Lord Lansdowne, that the government was not sending enough troops to the Transvaal.

"I must say I have never thought that we were sending out enough men. When once it was known that he had to send an army corps I told Lord Lansdowne, as far back as November 2, that he would not be sending enough. In the fire department it is a wise plan to send enght engines although four may cope with the fire. This war is one of the biggest on which we ever embarked owing to the surrounding political circumstances, and if necessary every mother's son must go to the front. British pluck and money will win, and then with equal rights for all lthe British flag will fly over the whole of South Africa."

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BOER PICKET DESTROYED

Discovery by the British Guards Ends Disastrously for an Observation Party.

By Associated Press.

Modder River, Dec. 12.—Tuesday.—While the Guards were advancing on the plain which the Boers were shelling from an adjoining ridge, they encountered and cut up a strong Boer picket posted on a hill for purposes of observation. All the members of the picket were either killed, wounded or taken prisoners.

THE MAGERSFONTEIN ORDEAL.

Upwards of Eight Hundred the Total of Methuen's Casualties—Boers Also Suffered Terribly.

London, Dec. 14.—An official report gives the total number of killed, wounded and missing of all arms in the engagement on Sunday and Monday, north of Modder River, at 832.

Of the officers 15 were killed and 47 wounded, while five are said to be missing and one is known to have been captured.

There were 650 casualties among the non-commissioned officers and men of the Highland brigade, who lost 10 officers killed, 38 wounded and 4 missing.

The following list of officers killed or wounded at Magersfontein has been received:

Highland Brigade.—Killed: Gen. Wauchope, Lieut.-Col. J. H. C. Code, Col. J. H. C. Goode, Capt. Elton, Lieut. Edmonds, Capt. J. R. Clark, Lieut. Cox, Capt. Cowan, Capt. Lamberton, Lieut.-Col. Goff, Major Robinson, Capt. Wingate and Lieut. Cowie. Wonded: Col-Kelham, Major Berkeley, Major Duff, Capt. Featherstonehaugh, Capt. Noyes, Capt. Wolfe-Murray, Capt. Richardson, Capt. Campbell, Capt. Gordon, Capt. McNab, Lieut. the Hon. W. C. Baillie, Lieut. Scott and Lieut. Waterhouse. Many of the above mentioned officers were dangerously wounded.

Second Royal Highlanders—Wounded: Lieut. Wauchope, Major Cuthbertson, Capt. Cameron, Lieut. St. J. Harvey, Lieut. Berthrony, Lieut. Tait, formerly amateur golf champion. Missing: Capt. the Hon. Cumming Bruce, Capt. Macfarlane, Lieut. Ramsay.

The Marquis of Winchester, of the Coldstreams, was killed.

Capt. J. Sterling, Lieut.-Col. Codrington and Major the Hon. W. Lambton, of the same brigade, were wounded.

Of the rank and file, six were killed and 46 wounded.

Modder River, Dec. 12.—Details gathered from the wounded show that the British artillery divided the honors with the Scotsmen. The batteries worked unflinchingly under a galling fire.

A Seaforth Highlander says while lying wounded on the field he saw a Boer, of typical German appearance, faultlessly dressed, walking along the ant hills picking off the British. He was quite alone and used field glasses.

According to a Boer account a single British shell killed and wounded over 70 Boers. Two other shells that burst over two bodies of Boers ensconced beyond the range did fearful damage.

GATACRE'S CASUALTIES.

London, Dec. 14.—The war office has received from Gen. Gatacre the following list of casualties furnished by a correspondent, who was permitted to visit the Boer camp with the chaplains, and is believed to be reliable:

Second Royal Irish—10 killed, 32 wounded.

Second Northumberlands—12 killed, 27 wounded.

All the above wounded men are prisoners.

THE REPORT CORRECTED.

Montreal Bank Manager Has Received a Contradiction From His Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The report sent all over the country that the war office had notified Lord Minto that the seige of Ladysmith had been raised is unfortunately not true. The Governor has received no information on the subject.

A despatch from Montreal reported that the Bank of Montreal had received a cable from London that Ladysmith had been relieved. To-night, however, Mr. Clouston, general manager, telegraphed His Excellency as follows: "Could not get you on telephone. Correspondent wires mistake made in saying war office confirmed report of Ladysmith relieved. Buller only in touch. Still think something in rumor of relief."

Up to midnight to-night Gen. Hutton had not received any communication from Col. Otter.

WHITE SCORES AGAIN.

Ladysmith Garrison Makes Sortie and Destroys Modder-Spruit Bridge.

London, Dec. 14.—A special despatch received here from Weenan, Natal, dated Monday, December 11, says that the Ladysmith garrison has made a sortie and destroyed the Modder-Spruit bridge.

Cape Dutch Doubtful.

Reverses by Methuen and Gatacre Are Turning Them Towards the Boers.

Disturbing Reports of Secret Meetings in Eastern Part of Colony.

Loyalists Becoming Uneasy --Imperial Authorities Arming Loyal Farmers.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 15.—"Lord Methuen's check, following Gen. Gatacre's repulse," says the Capetown correspondent of the Daily News, has had a most depressing effect upon the Loyalists, who are by no means a growing body. They are filled with dark forebodings.

"Dutch disaffection is rapidly growing A large section is restless and would need but little persuasion to join the Boers.

"There are disturbing reports from the eastern districts of Cape Colony where many secret meetings have been held.

"The Imperial authorities are arming the loyal farmers in the Stutterheim and Bedford districts."

TREACHERY OR BLUNDER.

Had Highlanders Any Hint of Danger They Might Have Rushed Boer Trenches.

London, Dec. 15.—The correspondent of the Standard at Modder River, describing the fight at Magersfontein, says:

"Six miles had to be covered before the Highland brigade could reach the Boers' stronghold. It is not yet clear through what mischance the force, which was led by guides, came upon the Boer trenches unexpectedly and so suddenly. Beyond question, the Boers were aware of the approach of the British and had prepared to receive them.

"According to one version two Highlanders through nervousness discharged their rifles prematurely but it is equally positive that the advance Boer scouts conveyed the intelligence.

"Our men were totally unprepared. They had not even fixed bayonets. The disaster was all the more exasperating because of the consciousness that had the brigades been extended and with bayonets fixed the trenches might have been successfully rushed with far less loss of life.

REBUKED BY THE GOVERNOR.

For Needlessly Alarming Friends of Canadian Contingent—Tonsilitis Claims New Brunswick Volunteer.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The Governor-General, through his secretary, sharply calls down the local papers for their yellow journalism.

His Excellency wishes to take this opportunity of expressing his sincere regret that regroundless rumors which must cause most painful and unnecessary anxiety to the relatives of those referred to should have been so thoroughly made public.

A cablegram was recived from the war office to-day granting permission to Major Rutherford of the garrison division Royal Canadian Artillery, now in England, to join the Canadian contingent as a special service officer. Major Rutherford has been in England for a year past undergoing a course of instruction in garrison artillery work. It was his intention to return to Canada next month.

At the militia department the day passed without any word from Col. Otter. Neither was information received here in reference to the death of Private Chappell except what appears in press despatches. M. C. Chappell was a volunteer in the 74th Batt., with headquarters at Sussex, N.B. Hhe resided at Baie Verte, Northumberland Straits, was a single man and a member of the Methodist church.

London, Dec. 14.—Private Chappell, of the Royal Canadians, died of tonsilitis at Belmont, Cape Colony, on December 12.

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Wounded in British Lines Tell of Terrible Losses at Magersfontein.

Whole Scandinavian Contingent Victims of the British Artillery.

Seven Hundred the Estimate of Total Losses — Retreat at Nightfall.

By Associated Press.

Modder River, Dec. 13.—Ambulances started early yesterday morning under a flag of truce to collect the wounded and bury the dead who fell at Magersfontein.

Brigadier-Gen. Wauchope, who led the Highland brigade, was found dead near the trench and shot in the chest and thigh. A few wounded were found near the trenches. Several wounded Boers were taken to the British hospital. The side of the hill and the immediate neighborhood of the Boer trenches showed dead bodies all about.

One wounded Boer informed a correspondent of the Associated Press that their loss was terrible. The whole Scandinavian contingent was destroyed. Judging from information gleaned from the Boer wounded and prisoners taken in different parts of the field, the Boer loss must have exceeded 700. The destruction wrought by the naval guns was enormous. Word was passed along the Boer lines to prepare to retreat at nightfall. All confess that it was their greatest loss during the war.

The British troops returned to Modder River, owing to lack of water near the position held yesterday.

Sir Charles Warren, who arrived at Capetown yesterday, will probably join Lord Methuen and take command of the combined forces.

The Daily Chronicle's Modder River despatch, which is at variance with all other reports, represents Lord Methuen's forces as retiring Tuesday on the camp at Modder River, as the result of renewed artillery fire that day. The correspondent says: "Tuesday forenoon the Boers brought heavy guns into action. Lord Methuen thereupon withdrew his forces out of range and concentrated at Modder River.

FIGHTING AT COLENSO.

Artillery Preliminaries Commenced and a General Engagement Seems Imminent.

Frere Camp, Wednesday, Dec. 13—Firing can be heard this morning in the direction of Colenso, and an artillery duel is expected to-day.

London, Dec. 15 (4:45 a. m.)—The war office is still without news from Ladysmith other than that already published. The general belief is that the larger forces Lord Methuen encountered at Magersfontein were partly drawn from Natal and that Gen. Buller will strike a blow before these have time to return.

The newspapers are calling upon the government to employ the Cunarders as well as the White Star steamers as transports, seeing the urgent necessity for getting more men to the Cape as speedily as possible. Forty thousand men could still be sent from England without calling upon the militia for foreign service. The militia effective is 100,000 men and from this body 20,000 carefully selected men could be spared easily for South Africa. Moreover, the colonies are again proffering assistance. The greatest need, therefore, is speedy transports.

Orders have been issued at Woolwich to prepare a siege train to go out with the seventh division.

FRENCH HAS A SKIRMISH.

Inflicts Serious Loss on Boer Body Met in Northern Cape Colony.

London, Dec. 15.—The war office has received the following despatch from Gen. Forestier-Walker at Capetown:

"Gen. French wires under date of December 13 reporting a skirmish at four o'clock in the morning with 1,800 Boers, who were advancing southward toward Naauwpoort. The skirmish continued all morning, the Boers fighting on a front of eighteen miles.

"The enemy retired with loss of forty killed and wounded. Our casualties were one killed and seven wounded including one officer and two missing."

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Mr. WILSON'S EXALTATION

Was Made by Private Decree at Vancouver and Kept Dark for Several Weeks.

Vancouver, Dec. 14.—The committee chosen by the Conservative convention to select a party leader, it appears, met in the first week in November at Vancouver and decided upon Mr. Charles Wilson, Q. C., president of the Conservative Association of Vancouver, as the standard-bearer. Those present pledged themselves to support Mr. Wilson. It was decided to say nothing of their decision until a more seasonable time.

Subsequently circulars were sent to the different Conservative associations throughout the province, with a copy of the Conservative platform, requesting that Mr. Wilson be endorsed as leader. Numerous up-country associations have already replied favorably.

All the committee named were not present at the meeting, but each constituency was represented. The full committe, as appointed, consisted of W. J. Bowser, chairman; Geo. Cowan, Vancouver; A. E. McPhillips, Hon. E. G. Prior, Victoria; A. McGregor and A. R. Johnston, Nanaimo; R. L. Reid, Westminster; W. H. Ladner, Ladners Landing; D. McGillivray, Sumas; J. T. Robinson, Kamloops; J. A. McKelvie, Vernon; J. D. Sebbald, Revelstoke; R. F. Green, Kaslo; Hon. T. Mayne Daly, Rossland; R. E. Gosnell, Greenwood.

THE FIELD OF GLENCOE.

Refugee Gives Distressing Word Picture of Horrors Following Symons' Victory.

Durban, Oct. 24.—Uitlander refugees arriving here bring news of the battlefield of Glencoe and of the situation in Johannesburg, Pretoria and the Transvaal generally. Heinrich Auer, a German, who had been forced to leave Johannesburg because, as husband of an English woman, he was suspected of British sympathies, says:

"I judge there were about a thousand dead and wounded on the battlefield of Glencoe when we passed it on October 21, in the afternoon. I shall never forget the sight, and I haven't slept a second since them. Picture to yourself heaps of bodies, some stretched out beyond their own length, it seemed, as if they had grown longer with the infinity of torture. Others curled up as if, in dying, they had been searching for a friendly hand and in their anxiety had, perhaps, caught hold of their own limbs.

"There were rows of Boers who died kneeling in the trenches in a natural position. Several bodies I found standing boldly upright, leaning against trees or other impediments that had prevented them from falling. They were all shot in the head and their faces were black from powder dust or the beginning of putrifaction.

"Many of the horse carcasses were already shapeless masses, gases having swelled them. And all over this living grave rose the gurgling wailing of wounded and expiring men, who groaned and sighed for help, or for death to come while the real saliva ran down the mouth and while their hands and nails clutched at the earth and grass.

"Ah, that one might be a ministering angel and despatch some of these unhappy ones by a beneficial dose of poison! I caught myself running away howling and blubbering from the side of a Boer, who was vainly trying to stuff back his protruding entrails. There a brave riflemnan had bitten off his tongue while siezed by spasms. I saw three or four men die within arm's length of me. One suddenly rose, jumped high in the air and fell back dead.

"Outside of the hospital tents I found Boers lying on cots fidgeting around their arms and murmuring: 'What's the use, let's retreat and back at them.'

"Here was a whole row of dead sharp shooters, disposed in excellent order, with their officer in the centre, evidently struck by a volley as they themselves were obeying a command to shoot. An overturned battery there, the pieces of ordnance buried in the sand, parts of human and horses' bodies in a pool of blood. Many of the dead had their faces turned in the direction of the sinking sun. Their spirits were sinking at the same time, I reckon."

THE WAR EAGLE SUES.

Would Recover Three Hundred Thousand Paid for Electric Machinery Installed.

Rossland, Dec. 14.—The War Eagle Consolidated Gold Mining Company, through their attorney here, A. C. Galt, to-day issued a writ against the Canadian General Electric Co., for $119,501, the James Cooper Mfg. Co. for $116,198, and the West Kootenay Power and Light Co. for $75,000, making the total claimed $310,899, to which must be added interest and costs.

Speaking generally the claims are for a return of money paid on account of the big electric hoist and compressor plant erected for the War Eagle company about a year ago and for damages incurred for breach of contract. The company claim to have suffered greatly on account of the machinery not working satisfactorily.

It was thought that an arrangement would be reached without a lawsuit. As it is, the whole question will now be fought in the British Columbia courts. The War Eagle company has put in additional machinery for temporary use and it is not thought that the lawsuit will interfere with the mine shipments of either the War Eagle or Centre Star.

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Ferry By-law Is Abandoned.

The Angeles Connection Project Dead so far as the Present Council is Concerned.

Conference With the Promoters Fails to Provide a Solution of the Deadlock.

The "friendly conference" between the members of the aldermanic board of this city and the promoters of what is known as the Port Angeles ferry scheme, arranged for last evening, and which it was hoped would result in such mutual concessions as would result in a reconsideration of the long-delayed bylaw and its submission to the people, has been held—and has failed in the accomplishment of the purpose aimed at. There seemed no possibility of reconciling antagonistic interests, and when President Cushing and Attorney Trumbull of the Port Angeles-Eastern road, withdrew, it was with a general understanding that the long discussed bylaw, so far as the present council is concerned, is dead beyond all hope. The representatives of tht project declared that they would not accept anything less than substantially the original bylaw, and would not look at it with the subsidy anywhere in the neighborhood of $8,750 per annum. On the other hand, an approximated majority of the board were firm in a decision not to consent to the original bylaw, even at so substantial a reduction as would be made if the first-named amount were cut in two. This was the deadlock that proved fatal to the bylaw.

In opening the meeting Mayor Redfern explained that, in accordance with a promise given some time ago, the council had allowed the matters at issue to remain in abeyance until the promoters of the ferry had consulted with their Eastern directors. It was now for the friends of the scheme to say what they wished done.

Mr. Cushing agreed with his worship in his definition of the situation, and took occasion to again emphasize that the financing of the road was accomplished, and the undertaking, so far as the railway was concerned, assured. With regard to the ferry proposals, he did not see that he could say more than he already had. As the bylaw had to be amended, it was valueless so far as his company was concerned. The company would accept nothing less than the original bylaw; and while he could not go so far as to say that a reduction of subsidy might not be considered, he would say plainly that double the original amount could not be considered with some of the conditions the council had introduced.

In response to a request from the mayor that the objectionable conditions be defined, Mr. Cushing named them as the requirement that the boats should be built, registered and provisioned in Victoria; that they should make two trips daily; that they should be in control of a directorate limited to seven, three of whom should be named by the Council of Victoria, and one of whom should be the mayor ex officio; and that wharfage dues should be waived in the event of the passenger steamer docking and landing miscellaneous consignments of broken packages at any of the private wharves of the inner harbor.

Each of these conditions was then, at Mr. Cushing's suggestion, thoroughly discussed. The railway and ferry promotres took the ground that the Victoria interests were effectually safeguarded in the by-law itself, inasmuch as all advantages to the company are made conditional upon the accomplished provisions of the service defined and a number of the aldermen, notably Ald. Beckwith, Cameron, and Stewart, insisting that they would not approve any by-law without some at least of the amended conditions.

Then consideration of details and conditions was for a time abandoned, and the main question of the subsidy again approached.

Ald. Kinsman, to bring matters to a direct issue asked:

"If you had these objectionable clauses as you call them, struck out, would you take the by-law at any less subsidy than $17,500 per annum for twenty years?"

President Cushing's reply was that the original by-law would not be considered at $8,750, although the company might take the original by-law at something less than $17,500.

Then the meeting again took up details, the limitation of the directorate to seven, three to be named by the council being insisted on by Ald. Beckwith. Ultimately Mr. Cushing observed that this might be so amended as to meet this might be so amended so as to meet the views of both parties. He would waive active opposition to this.

As a compensating consideration, the council intimated that an 18-mile steamer would be acceptable instead of an 18-knot vessel.

With reference to wharfage charges, it was explained that these would only apply to broken packages carried by the fast steamer and landed elsewhere than at the company's slip.

This text was exhausted, and once more the question of subsidy was approached. The debate had proceeded for some time when Ald. Hayward observed:

"If there is no disposition on the part of the council to go back to the original by-law, and the company say they will accept nothing else, an effectual deadlock appears to have been reached. If we could make the by-law acceptable to the promoters of the scheme, we might then submit it to the great body of the ratepayers."

The suggestion did not bear fruit.

Taking up the question of expenditure devolving upon the company, Mr. Cushing emphatically denied that the service contemplated could be carried out for less than $500,000 at least, despite the estimates Ald. Beckwith had secured. Only a steel boat could be so engined as to maintain the speed, and the company were not contemplating giving Victoria anything inferior in the way of a steamer.

Mayor Redfern, at this juncture, suggested that it would be perhaps better for the promoters of the ferry to approach the citizens of Victoria after the railway had been completed to Angeles, and the transcontinental connection secured.

Mr. Cushing did not recognize the force of the suggestion, and

Ald. Williams regarded delay in such a matter as likely to be fatal to Victoria's chances. He, too, wanted the know, from President Cushing, in the event of the original by-law being practically restored, what amount of subsidy would be accepted.

Ald. Hayward did not think this a fair question, in view of the present position of affairs in the council.

"Perhaps we had better take up the question at our next council meeting," observed the Mayor. "We might reconsider the objectionable clauses and if we did so change them as to meet your views"—this to Mr. Cushing—"might we again approach you and ask what reduction of subsidy you would accept?"

Ald. Stewart put it more directly. He would ask again, he said: "If we knock out these clauses you've taken exception to, will you take less than $17,500 per year for twenty years?"

Mr. Trumbull fenced the question by saying that it did not seem proper to ask the company to bid for privileges the council had shown no disposition to grant.

Then Ald. Stewart sought to ascertain on what authority Ald. Hayward had said to the council that he was informed a reduction of subsidy would be accepted.

"To put that to a practical test," said Ald. Hayward, "why not let the council restore the by-law to its original form and then approach the company. It's scarcely fair to present a suppositious case, and ask for a definite answer."

"If the company would say they would take less, for the original by-law, it might possibly change the position of some of the opposing aldermen," observed Ald. Kinsman.

"If the council should consent to eliminate the clauses that have been objected to," said the Mayor, "and restore the original by-law to all intents and purposes, would you entertain a proposition relative to the amount of subsidy? Because if you wouldn't, it seems hardly of any use to go any further."

Mr. Cushing was not prepared to give a definite answer.

Ald. Beckwith expressed himself as unalterably opposed to the restoration of the original by-law, which he held to insufficiently protect Victoria's interests; and it was announced without contradiction that he was not alone in the council in holding this view.

"If we were to go back to the original by-law," said Mr. Cushing, "and it were offered us with the subsidy placed at $8,750 annually for twenty years, we wouldn't take it—nor for anything near $8,750. I wouldn't say we would not take a cent less than $17,500. I will say that we will not consider anything less than the conditions of the original by-law. The Mayor has said he would not vote for a cent more subsidy than $8,750; Ald. Beckwith, Stewart, Cameron and Brydon have raised other objections. It seems to me therefore that there is nothing for us to do but thank you and go home."

There was some further debate, but it did not advance a solution of the difficulties or en[illegible] deadlock, Messrs. Cushing and T[illegible]mall finally withdrawing to catch the waiting steamer, after a general handshaking and advance exchange of Chirstmas and New Year good wishes.

NEWSPAPER CHANGE.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—J. L. Atkinson, managing editor of the Montreal Herald, has resigned his position to edit the Toronto Star, which it is reported, has been purchased by Postmaster-General Mulock.

TORONTO MAYORALTY.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—There promises to be a keen contest for the mayoralty. There are four candidates in the field, Clarke, Hallam, Shaw and the irrepressible E. A. McDonald.

ELEVATOR BURNED.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—Campbell's grain elevator at Glenboro was burned to the ground last evening with about 15,000 bushels of wheat. The building was insured for about $5,000; total loss $17,000.

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DIED.

BARWIS—At the residence of her daughter (Mrs. W. C. Holt), Alpha street, Burnside Road, on the 14th instant, Mary Grace Barwis, relict of the late William Ryland Barwis, a native of Devonshire, England, aged 68 years.

The funeral will take place TO-DAY (Friday) at 2 p.m., from the residence as above. Friends will please accept this intimation.

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ALSO

For the purchase of those three two-storey dwellings and corner grocery store, being numbers 13, 15, 17, 19 North Road, Spring Ridge (situated between Fernwood and Ridge Roads).

Tenders may be for part or the whole property.

The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

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Victoria, B.C., December 15, 1899.

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WANTED—Immediately, 5 or 6-roomed cottage, pleasant locality; will buy furniture. Reply "Dawson," care of Colonist. d5

TENDERS Will be received up to Monday, 18th inst., at the office of Lee & Fraser, 11 Trounce avenue, for the purchase of a two-storey building on Pioneer street, at rear of Mr. John Coburn's residence. d15

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WANTED—Good nurse for one child. Apply to Mrs. Henderson, Bank of Montreal, Vernon, B.C. d15

WANTED—To rent, nicely furnished house; good location. Mrs. Stevens, Colonist. d15

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OUR NATIVE HERBS—Wanted, every one to know that this well known Blood Purifier and Liver Regulator can now be obtained in Victoria. Address of agent: Frank Oakden, Dawson Hotel, Yates street. n24

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A. BARLOW.

Quesnelle Mouth, B. C., Dec. 2., 1899.

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THE ARM. 1½ acres cleared, water front, fine site for bungalow; electric light, and water pipes running past premises. Whole amount of purchase money may remain on mortgage at 6 per cent. $3000. Apply 40 Government St. n11

SOMENOS DIST. 160 acres. Two miles from Station, $600. Terms, if necessary. Apply 40 Government St. n11

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JOHNSON STREET. Below Government, three-storey brick with basement, lot 60x120, easy terms. Price $40,000. All let. Apply 40 Government St.

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$500. Cash and Five annual installments of $500 will buy a two-storey dwelling and three lots on car line, Victoria West. Apply 40 Government St.

$1000. Cash and Twelve annual payments of $500 each, interest at 6 per cent. per annum, will purchase a full lot on principal street with three-storey building, modern conveniences, well adapted for private lodging house. Apply 40 Government St.

$250. Cash and Eight annual payments of $250 each (with interest at 6 per cent.) will buy a dwelling and two lots on Bayn Street. Apply 40 Government St.

LADNERS LANDING—66 acres underdrained and cultivated; two-storey dwelling, barns, orchard, etc.; price $9,000. Finest soil in the province, easy terms. Apply 40 Government street. d5

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$250. Cash and Five annual installments of $500 (with interest at 6 per cent.) will buy two-storey house, with all modern conveniences, and lot 60x100 near Christ church. Apply 40 Government St.

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CHATHAM ST. Near Cook Street. Lot 60x120. Cottage, 6 rooms, $1100. Exceptionally easy terms. Apply 40 Government St.

COR. YATES AND COOK STS. Two-storey dwelling, $3500. $500 cash and balance at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St.

OAK BAY: Cottage and eight lots; high ground, facing the sea. Price $2,100; easy terms; monthly payments. Apply 40 Government street. n29

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TO LET OR LEASE.

TO LET—Comfortable, furnished room, with use of bath. 52 Rae street. d13

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FOR SALE—Two or three of the most desirable building lots in city, with a frontage of 112 feet on the Dallas Road. Address A. O. West, Adelphi Building.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NOTICE—A shooting match for geese will take place at Koksilah station, on Saturday, December 16, 1899. Shooting to commence at 11 o'clock prompt.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Licensing Board at its next sitting for a transfer to Marion Walt, of Victoria, of my license to sell wines and liquors by retail upon the premises known as the Dallas Hotel, situate on Dallas Road in the City of Victoria, B. C.

Dated this 13th day of November, 1899.

WM. JENSEN.

LOST OR FOUND.

POCKET BOOK LOST—Containing twenty-five dollars. Name stamped inside. Finder will be rewarded on returning same to this office. d15

STRAYED—Four head of young cattle and one horse to the Craigflower farm. If not claimed and damages paid in ten days' time will be sold. d15

LODGES AND SOCIETIES.

SONS OF ENGLAND—Alexandra Lodge, A.O.U.W. hall, 2nd and 4th Thursday. J. O. Tavior, secretary.

"May Queen" A Success.

Sterndale Bennett's Pastoral at Institute Hall By the Philharmonic Society.

A Notable Musical Production Attended by a Large and Fashionable Audience.

Before a fashionable audience in Institute hall last evening, Sir William Sterndale Bennett's beautiful pastoral "The May Queen" was rendered very successfully by the Victoria Philharmonic Society in aid of the B. C. Protestant Orphan's Home, under the direction of F. Victor Austin, with full chorus and orchestra of 75. It is not too much to say that previous successful efforts by one of Victoria's most excellent musical organizations was eclipsed last evening. The soloists were in good voice and sang their parts well; the choral numbers were up to anticipations and the orchestral contributions to the musical feast were particularly pleasing.

The gem of the evening—an evening replete with musical excellencies—was undoubtedly the solos taken by Mr. A. T. Goward. Mr. Goward's rendition of the opening recitative, "Why Must I Linger Here Alone?" was an achievement of which many of the world-famous tenors would not be ashamed; and his other efforts during the rendition of the beautiful composition were likewise praiseworthy.

Mr. Herbert Kent was called upon quite unexpectedly, owing to Mr. Moxon's illness, to sing the parts assigned to "Robin Hood," and he acquitted himself in a most commendable manner.

Miss Sophie McNiffe, who essayed the part of the "May Queen," was in excellent voice, and, though evidently suffering from nervousness to a slight degree, sang with delightful charm and sweetness.

Mrs. Janion, the "Queen," was perhaps never heard to better advantage, her rich contralto voice filling the hall with a purity and melody quite surprising, though Mrs. Janion's vocal accomplishments have on numerous occasions delighted Victorians.

A notable and special feature of the production was the violin solo, "In Memoriam," by Mr. F. Victor Austin, who composed and played the same in memory of the late William Greig, founder of the Arion club.

The "May Queen" is understood by local musicians to be one of those compositions which, though essentially dramatic in theme, does not demand action in interpretation; but it seems difficult to believe that it was the author's intent that such passages as

"What means the angry sounds we heard?
These faces all by passion stirred?
Are brawlers here?

should be rendered with composure.

One of the best portions of the rather pretentious effort of last evening was the spirited rendition of the National Anthem in opening, with Miss McNiffe and Mrs. Janion as soloists. Taken altogether, Mr. F. Victor Austin has reason to feel well pleased with the success of last evening's concert, one result of which will be a good contribution in aid of the Protestant Orphan's Home.

The chorus and orchestra were made up as follows:

Sopranos — Mesdames Mess, Sioale, Cusack, Welsh, Williams, Misses Hayward, Kettle, Kettle, McMicking, Jamieson, E. Sehl, Ellis, Hitt, Haughton, Haughton, L. Davey, Saunders, Kerg.

Contraltos—Mrs. Spicer, Mrs. Yates, Misses Austin, D. Sehl, Miller, Baker, Colquhoun, Colquhoun, Stewart, M. Gowan, Worlock.

Tenors—Messrs. Earsman, N. York, J. P. Hibben, R. M. Worlock, Wilders, C. Berkley.

Basses—Rev. Mr. Bourne, Messrs. B. C. Mess, Wiffen, Oliver, F. Sehl, Henwood, A. Gore, Ash, Welch, J. Janion, C. Janion, O'Brien.

ORCHESTRA.

First Violins— Mr. Thos. R. Smith, Mr. Ernest A. Powell, Mr. B. Bantley, Misses A. Brown, E. Cartmel, Smith.

Sevond Violins—Messrs. R. B. Powell, Cavert, Misses V. Heisterman, Elinor Dunsmuir, L. Lugrin, J. McKilligan.

Violas—Mrs. Foot, Mr. Jesse Longfield.

Violincellos—Mr. A. Longfield, Master H. Foot.

Contra Bassi—Messrs. Hitt and W. Handley.

Cornets—Mr. W. Duck, Master Rausch.

Flute—Mr. F. Morse.

Horn—Mr. McGregor.

Oboe—Mr. Carroll.

Tympani—Mr. C. A. Lombard.

Clarionet—Mr. E. Muriset.

Accompanists — Mrs. Walsh-Windle, Misses E. Wilson and R. McTavish.

PROGRESS IN PHILIPPINES.

Another Province Reported Free of Insurgents—The Spanish Prisoners.

Manila, Dec. 14.—Gen. Lawton reports Bulacan province freed of insurgents yesterday. His troops captured the strong mountain position of Biacnabato with food supplies, clothing, cartridge factory and barracks.

Eighteen hundred Spanish prisoners have arrived in Manila and over 2,000 are en route; 1,300 have been shipped already to Spain. These prisoners are in much better physical condition than the Spanish troops who surrendered when Manila capitulated.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The senate today by a decisive vote, and practically without discussing, laid on the table the Pettigrew resolution of inquiry as to whether or not United States forces had recognized the Filipino insurgents' flag and had turned over Spanish soldiers to the insurgents.

P. E. ISLAND POLITICS.

Defeat of Attorney-General Leaves Liberal Government Without a Majority.

Charlottetown, Dec. 14.—The bye-elections for the provinical house held yesterday resulted in the election of A. A. McLean, Q.C., in Queens by 58 majority, and of C. A. Prowse, son of Senator Prowse, in Kings, the latter defeating Attorney-General McKinnon by 35 majority. The result leaves the house about a tie. It is probable the government will appeal to the country. Fred Peters, one of its supporters, is in British Columbia. At the last provincial general election the Liberal government then led by Fred Peters, won 17 out of the 30 seats, while the Conservative opposition took 13.

DRY-ROYAL CHAMPAGNE

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J. M. Douglas & Co., Montreal, Agts. for Canada.

Directors of Jubilee Hospital.

Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board Held Last Evening.

Reports Presented of Various Matters in Connection With the Institution.

A well attended meeting of the board of directors of the Jubilee hospital was held last evening, President Helmcken occupying the chair, and 13 of the 15 members being present.

The following communication was received from Dr. Nash on behalf of the dentists of the city:

Dec. 4, 1899.

To the President and Directors Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, B.C.:

Gentlemen: At a meeting of the dentists of Victoria, convened for the purpose of considering your communication regarding their proposed attendance at the hospital, it was decided by those present that such services as are necessary shall be given by them in accordance with your wishes. The meeting also desired to suggest that a list be opened at the hospital for the signatures of dentists desiring to be placed on the visiting staff and that the names be taken in the order of their position on the list as the requirements of the hospital demand.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD NASH, Sec.

The letter was read and the dentists thanked.

Mrs. Hasell, treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary, reported that the auxiliary had deposited $1,825 for the fund for the children's ward and that they had $25 more on hand. They had also deposited $500 towards the fund for the doctor's residence. The whole amount was raised by the children's carnival and charity ball.

The report was received and the ladies thanked.

The resident medical officer reported as follows:

To the President and Members of the Board of Directors:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to report that during the month of November, 1899: The total number of patients treated was 113; the total days' stay was 1,423; the daily average number of patients was 44.1; the daily average cost was $1.40.

I have to report that the members of the Arion Club propose to give their annual concert to the patients, subject to the sanction of the board, on the afternoon of Christmas day. The Woman's Auxiliary also propose to give a Christmas tree to the patients and staff on the Saturday evening preceding Christmas, subject to the approval of the board.

The invalid chair donated by Mrs. Digby Barker has arrived from the East, and will prove a great source of comfort to the patients.

I have to report the great need there is of two air or water beds for the use of helpless patients, and also of a portable bath on wheels for the treatment of typhoid fever cases. I would also ask that in the lavatory attached to the female ward a metal porcelain lined basin, similar to that in the small operating room, be substituted for the china basins, which are constantly being broken; and also a small porcelain-lined metal sink for the purpose of washing vessels be fitted in the same lavatory. I inclose tables of statistics for the month, and also the accounts for the month to be passed for payment.

I have the honor to remain your obedient servant,

EDWARD HASELL, M.R.C.P. & S., Res. Med. Officer.

The offer of the Arion club was accepted with thanks; the proposal of the Women's Auxiliary was approved; Mrs. Digby Barker was thanked for her donation, and the rest of the report was referred to the house committee.

Miss J. M. Grady, the matron, reported as follows, the report being adopted:

14th Dec. 1899.

To the Board of Directors, Royal Jubilee Hospital:

Gentlemen: For this month I beg leave to report that owing to illness one of our nurses has been obliged to rest and Miss Heaney has been taken as probationer in her place. Miss Lund has also been taken as probationer in place of Mrs. Swainson, who graduated on December 1.

We have to thank the Women's Auxiliary for 5 table covers, 1 wrapper, 33 sheets, 1 night shirt, 2 tray cloths; also Mrs. Potts for old cotton, and Mrs. H. D. Helmcken for magazines.

I am, gentlemen, respectfully yours,
J. M. GRADY, Matron.

P. R. J. Hospital, December 14, 1899.

The steward's monthly report, which followed, was received and the donors thanked:

To the Board of Directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital:

Gentlemen: I beg leave to report: I am not quite satisfied with the quality of the bread being supplied, although, perhaps, it is as good as can be obtained at the contract price, viz., 2⅝ cents per pound. On one occasion a batch of sour bread was delivered, but upon my notifying the contractor it was immediately exchanged. I have heard no complaints about the bread from any of the patients.

The groceries are satisfactory, with the exception of the fresh creamery, which not been up to the mark lately. I spoke to the contractor, who seems willing to have it adjusted.

The meat, fish, vegetables are being delivered in good order and giving satisfaction.

The following donations were received: Mrs. Pemberton, 335 pounds pears; Admiral Beaumont, illustrated papers; Mr. Cowley, plants and shrubs; Mr. Flumerfelt, 1 dozen felt slippers for wards.

Yours respectfully,
ROBT. JENKINSON, Steward.

The following report of the house committee was read and the action confirmed:

December, 5, 1899.

President and Directors Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria:

Gentlemen: The house committee beg to report as follows:

X-Rays.—We have requested the doctor to furnish a statement showing the cost of operating and fees received for use of x-ray apparatus, and herewith present his report for your information.

Dogs.—We have had a notice put up to the effect that no dogs be allowed within the hospital buildings, and have requested the doctor to take the necessary steps for the enforcement thereof.

Crockery.—We received a suggestion that by indenting for crockery we could obtain our requirements from the Old Country at much less cost than has heretofore been paid. We have taken this matter under consideration and find that the Women's Auxiliary are now supplying all the crockery needed, and the suggestion has not been acted upon.

House Furnishings.—We authorized the matron to purchase a new carpet for the nurses' dining room, the old one being unfit to put down again. A requisition was also made for muslin for window curtains, which we have authorized the matron to purchase.

All of which is respectfully submitted for the consideration of the committee.

ALEX. WILSON, Chairman.
J. T. CRIMP.
I. BRAVERMAN.
E. A. LEWIS.
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ROBERT S. DAY.

December 12, 1899.

To the Chairman of the House Committee:

Sir: I have the honor to report, re x-rays: That the apparatus was installed on the 13th of July, 1899. That the cost of working the apparatus, regarding only the cost of the electric light used, is one cent per hour; that the average duration of use by any one patient is under one hour. The cost of plates developing the same and making prints has been $30.80. Three new Crook tubes have been purchased with the sanction of the board of directors at a cost of $30. The hospital has received in fees from those patients who have been able to pay for the use of the x-rays, $25. Thirteen patients have been subjected to the x-rays, eight of whom have been in a position to pay.

The majority of patients who seek the aid of the x-rays are seriously injured from old, neglected injuries which entirely prevent them from earning a living. Many of these have been operated on successfully, thanks to the new light thrown on their injuries, and are no longer a burden on the community.

I have the honor to remain your obedient servant,

EDWARD HASELL, M.R.C.P & S. Res. Med. Officer.

The finance committee reported as follows:

December, 11th, 1899.

To the President and Directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, B.C.:

Gentlemen: Your finance committee met at the hospital to-day, and beg to report as follows:

Your committee examined the monthly bills presented to them, and all bills bearing the signature of our chairman have been passed for payment.

Your committee call attention to the fact that car fares have for some time been charged to the hospital by several of the employees. This matter is brought to your notice for your direction.

Special Nursing.—Our nursing staff is inadequate for special cases requiring continued nursing, so that our medical officer must often employ certificated nurses practicing in Victoria, the regular fee being $15 per week and board. The charge made by our institution for such service is $2 per day, so that the loss amounts to $1 per week and $1 per day, the average per diem cost for each patient in the hospital.

Your committee desire that every account shall be authorized by the house committee and bear the usual signature of the officer in whose department the article is for. Vouchers in all cases should be attached to invoices, and where requisitions are issued such requisitions must be returned attached to invoice, and all accounts should be rendered on or before the 5th of each month to secure payment on or about the 10th of each month.

It is submitted as customary, when not by contract, that cash discounts averaging from 5 to 10 per cent. shall be allowed the hospital when retail prices are charged.

All of which is respectfully sumbitted.

JOSHUA DAVIES.
C. A. HOLLAND.
A. C. FLUMERFELT.
JAS. FORMAN.
R. L. DRURY.

That section referring to special nursing was referred back to the committee and the rest of the report was adopted.

Mr. Joshua Davies, of the finance committee, reported that since May the book debts had increased by $1,330.85, much of which would have to be written off.

The visiting committee for November reported that they had found the premises clean and in good order. They had heard no complaints. They also reported having carried out some small improvements.

Treasurer Shotbolt reported having received $41 for the hospital from Mr. Justice Drake, and he himself had presented the hospital with a pharmacopoeia. Both were thanked for their donations.

Accounts for the month amounting to $1,607 were passed.

At the suggestion of Mr. Wilson a motion was passed to the effect that clothing belonging to deceased patients should be examined and retained for a month or until claimed by friends or relatives.

The lighting committee reported having looked into the question of cheaper lights and would report in extenso when their investigations were concluded.

Mr. Lewis said the building was not kept warm enough, in reply to which Dr. Hasell said they could keep the warmth up to 60 with the present plant, which was hardly warm enough.

Mr. Drewry moved that the board meet once a month and at the hospital. After some discussion, the motion was defeated.

A few other minor matters having been dealt with, the board adjourned.

Eastern Share Markets.

(Reported by J. C. McKillop.)

Chicago, Dec. 14.—The following quotations ruled on the Board of Trade:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
July	70⅛	70⅝	69¾	70¼
May..	69½	69⅞	69⅛	69¾
Corn—				
May	32⅞	33⅜	32⅞	33⅜
Pork—				
May	10.32½	10.37½	10.20	10.30
Liverpool Wheat—				
May	5s 9⅞d	.....	.....	5s 9⅞d

New York, Dec. 14.—The following quotations ruled on the Stock Exchange:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Amn. Sugar	129	131½	127	130⅜
C. B. & Q.. ...	126	127	125⅞	126⅝
C. M. & St. P....	118¾	120¼	118	120⅞
Manhattan, ...	99½	100	97	99
People's Gas	104½	106½	104½	106⅛
C. R. I. & P. ..	108	109⅛	108	109⅛
Amn. Tobacco ..	98	100¼	95	100
A.T. & S.F. pfd.	61½	62⅛	61	62
U. P. pfd..	73⅞	74½	73⅞	74⅛
T. C. & I..	80	85½	79⅞	85
A.T. & S.F. com.	20	20¼	20	20
L. & N..	79⅞	81⅛	79¾	80⅞
B.R.T...	78	78¾	76¾	79½
U. P. com..	46⅝	47¾	46⅝	47½
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THE WAR.

Never since the war began was interest more keen in Victoria than yesterday. Early in the morning a bulletin was received stating that Generals Buller and Clery had captured 10,000 Boers and entered Ladysmith. It cannot be said that people believed it, although every one hoped it was true. Later there was given out news that the war office had heard the report but having no official advices did not credit it. Then came the stock exchange story of a sharp rise in prices because of this great achievement, and afterwards the telegram from Montreal to the effect that the Bank of Montreal had received a cable from London confirming the story. Notwithstanding all this people were slow to believe it could be true. In fact the believers were in a very small minority. At this hour no confirmation has been received and therefore such comments as are here made are only of value so far as they may remind readers of some facts that must be kept in mind in regard to the operations around Ladysmith.

In the first place, we know very little indeed of what is going on there. Buller is keeping his counsel with a persistency that is surprising. But enough has leaked out to show that certain things are possible. Between Buller and White there must be something like 30,000 troops available on our side, and the Boer force cannot be much if any greater. We shall not be surprised to learn that it is considerably less. It is unreasonable to suppose that our forces have been idle during the last week or two. The natural inference from the absence of any news is that they have been manoeuvering for position and their movements have been kept a secret as far as possible for obvious reasons. It is possible that one column may have advanced against the enemy from the east at the same time as another has done so from the south, and that the Ladysmith garrison has moved down from the north. If this has been done, or if this is done at any time in the future, the enemy would be in very difficult straits, and the capture of a considerable portion of their army would be likely to occur. There is, therefore, nothing at all impossible in the story of yesterday. If it is not true, it may at any time be so, if everything goes well on our side.

Our losses in the fight north of the Modder River were very heavy and the fact that they were mostly due to a surprise does not lessen in any way the sorrow that they occasion. There is no disposition to unfavorably criticize Gen. Methuen's action, and his brilliant work in the past entitles him to a hearing before any opinion is expressed, but it is hard to uderstand why the Black Watch were marched right into the very muzzles of the enmy's rifles without knowing where they were. The retirement on Modder River is not a retreat. After the close of the day's fight our troops slept upon the battle ground, and all that Gen. Methuen appears to have done is to return to his former position. The inability of the Boers to follow him up shows that they must have suffered very severely, even if we were not in receipt of accounts to that effect. The position at Modder River is likely to remain unchanged for a day or two.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER'S VISIT.

An impression seems to prevail that a part of Sir Charles Tupper's mission to the Coast is to discuss local politics. This is a mistake. It has nothing to do with local politics. Sir Charles is the leader of the Conservative party, and is visiting the province in that capacity for the purpose of laying before the people his views upon the chief issues of the day in the federal arena. This is good policy on his part, and there is nothing in it in any way inconsistent with the line of action he has been following ever since he went across the house and became leader of Her Majesty's loyal opposition in parliament. He has, during the last year especially, been very active and has seized every opportunity to place himself and his party properly before the attentio nf the public. Very great success has attended his work. He had planned to visit this Coast before the Manitoba election came on, but stopped on the way to lend his aid to Hugh John Macdonald. He is now continuing his tour, and we have no doubt will leave as excellent an effect behind him as he has done elsewhere. There are sufficient subjects for Sir Charles to discuss without his trenching upon the field of local politis, which, as a prudent leader in the federal field, he will leave for the people of the province to settle as they think best.

We have not felt that there was any reason to call upon the Conservatives of Victoria to turn out in great numbers to hear their trusted leader. This they will do, for there has never been a time in recent years when the party felt so full of confidence for the future or had as good a reason for it.

Sir Charles will arrive on the Charmer to-night, and although the hour at which that steamer reaches port, when she is on time, is an inconvenient one for anything like a popular demonstration, as nearly every one is at home, we hope as many people will be present as ossible. The Conservative leader has enjoyed something like a triumphal progress all the way from Manitoba, and Victoria ought not to fall behind any other city in this respect.

WHEN THE HOUSE MEETS.

What will happen when the house meets is beginning to possess a lively interest to the public generally. Members of the government say that they will be sustained by a very small majority. On the other hand, some well-informed members of the opposition say that the majority against the ministry will be seven. Others who are inclined to be more conservative in their claims say that Mr. Semlin will be defeated by three. We have not formed any definite conclusion between the conflicting opinions, but believe that on the first party vote the government will be in such a minority that its inability to carry on business will be demonstrated. When once this has been shown, the government following will rapidly go to pieces, so that the Lieutenant-Governor will have no difficulty in finding some one who can form a strong ministry out of the present house, which after an adjournment long enough to enable the by-elections to be held can resume business and carry on during the next three years.

We repeat that there is no good reason why the house should be dissolved in the event of Mr. Semlin's defeat. Frequent appeals to the people are undesirable, and if a new government can be formed which will command the confidence of a majority of the members of the legislature as now constituted, we believe the Lieutenant-Governor will favor such a coarse. He has plenty of precedents for so doing.

That the province is heartily sick of the present combination is plain to the most casual observer. What the great majority of the people want is a government that will exhibit more business traits and less of the trick of the demagogue.

THE PORT ANGELES EASTERN.

We learn that the Port Angeles-Eastern Railway Company have their affairs in such a shape that the construction of the line next season is now beyond all doubt. In other words, the little city across the Strait will by this time next year be in the enjoyment of transcontinental railway connection. This news is of very great interest to the people of Victoria, for it means that, if wise counsels prevail, we will be able before Christmas, 1900, to embark on a railway ferry here for any point in the United States or Canada, and will have only a short hour's run across the water to reach a Pullman car. We believe that the people of this city will do what is necessary to secure such a connection.

The Port Angeles railway will undoubtedly be an excellent piece of road. The country that it will open up is one of the richest in the world as far as timber resources go, and as we showed in an article in these columns a day or two ago, lumber is rapidly becoming king in the United States. The quantity of growing timber of the finest quantity that will be made available to eastern markets by this railway is almose beyond calculation. The other resources of the Olympic peninsula are known to be great. We look for an era of progress across the Strait such as has been enjoyed in different periods by other localities after the inaguration of railway communication.

We are also very confident that, when this line has been constructed, the importance of Port Angeles as a shipping point will be enormously increased. It has the finest harbor on the Pacific Coast of the United States, and its proximity to the ocean makes it one of the cheapest. We look to this railway as likely to furnish Portland, San Francisco and other points not on Puget Sound an avenue by which they will reach out for the great trade to be developed in Alaska. If the matter is wisely handled this trade will find its way through the whole length of Vancouver Island, and Victoria will reap great benefit therefrom.

THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

It is the intention of the B.A.C. Corporation to take steps at once to test the constitutionality of the eight-hour law. The company says that the Le Roi cannot be profitably mined by men working for the short day, and it proposes to try conclusions with the government. As a matter of fact this company has been persistently violating the law, but the government has paid no attention to it. Now it has resolved to take such steps as well compel the government to take it into court. A report from Rossland says that when this is done a general strike of miners may be looked for. The Mine Owners' Association is determined to fight and if the Miners' Union is equally firm, a long and expensive conflict is at hand, and one which will do the mining interests of the province a great deal of injury while it lasts.

Mr. Clute, who was sent out by the Dominion government at the request of the Miners' Union to investigate alleged violations of the law prohibiting the importation of alien labor, has found very little to do. The petition forwarded to the government spoke of thousands of British subjects who were being driven out of work, by which they supported families, and were being replaced by imported aliens. The first day's investigation showed Mr. Clute that he had been brought out under false pretenses. Instead of thousands of miners out of employment he found something like five hundred; of these only a portion, probably not more than half, were British subjects, and the number that were supporting wives and families was even less. The importation of aliens proved to be a myth. Some two or three only had been brought into the country. Mr. Clute had also to point out to the Miners' Union that there is no law to prevent aliens from being imported into Canada from any country in the world except the United States, for the act only applies to countries which have legislated against the importation of labor from Canada. Mr. Clute is, however, looking into the whole labor question; but we are not sure what use the Dominion government can make of any report he may hand in.

There is not the least doubt that the passage of the eight-hour law has kept a large amount of capital out of British Columbia during the present year. Evidence to this effect multiplies from month to month. If the government had sought out a means of doing a permanent harm to the province they could not have selected anything better calculated for that purpose.

A correspondent complains that persons have the habit of discharging firearms in the harbor, and says that on one occasion shot from a gun struck his window. This is very wrong, and severe punishment ought to be meted out to any one found guilty of the offence of discharging firearms within the city limits.

Mr. Bennett, post office inspector with thirty years' experience, has reached the sage conclusion, so our Vancouver correspondent says, that the salaries of the post office officials out here are not too low, but the cost of living is too high. He therefore proposes that the cost of living shall be reduced. Mr. Mulock will perhaps introduce a resolution into parliament declaring it to be expedient that the cost of living in British Columbia should be reduced.

So it appears that the original Wilson plan was to keep that gentleman's nomination secret. That also was the plan proposed at New Westminster in regard to the platform. It was to be a veiled platform, but some newspaper fellow gave the thing away. The idea seemed to be that so marvellous a document ought not to be given to the world all at once. A secret leader and a secret platform would have been a delicious combination.

We have a letter from "An Overtaxed Ratepayer" complaining of "the filthy, unsanitary and dangerous gulches on the north side of Milne street." We cannot print the letter, but attention is directed to the matter. These "gulches" are entirely too numerous in Victoria, and one of the things which the city council must take up is how they can be dealt with. Our correspondent throws the blame upon the Mayor, the city council, the city engineer and all the rest of the municipal combination.

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VICTORIA TIDES.

[By Mr. Napier Denison.]

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to 14 feet of water in the channel off Shoal Point, and 18.6 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt dry dook.

Friday, Dec. 15.		Saturday, Dec. 16.	
Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero
3:00 a.m.	9.4 feet.	4:10 a m.	9 9 feet.
7:10 a.m.	8.9 feet.	8:00 a.m.	9 3 feet.
12:20 a.m.	9.3 feet.	1:00 p.m.	9 3 feet
8:00 p m.	1 6 feet.	9:00 p.m.	1.2 feet.

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All the tourists stay at the International Hotel, 40 Johnson street. *

No Concert.—The usual Saturday evening concert in Temperance hall will not take place next Saturday on account of work of the committee in charge in connectio nwith the cantata to be given on Monday under the direction of Mr. Brown.

Boys' Brotherhood.—The regular meeting of the Boys' Brotherhood club was held last evening. After the usual routine of business, the members adjourned for gymnastic exercises and drill. The meeting was in every respect a very successful one, the boys entering with spirit into the movements, both in debate and physical exercise. Subject for discussion next week, "Which is the more effective, naval or land fights."

Particulars Advertised To-day.—The list of valuable furnishing to be sold by auction by Mr. Herbert Cuthbert in his rooms to-day at 2 p. m. was sent in to the Colonist office too late on Wednesday night to be inserted in yesterday's issue, but it appears in his advertisement to-day. The salerooms are well worth a visit this morning, as the goods are of an unusually high class and are very suitable for Christmas presents.

Something for everybody suitable for Christmas gifts. Perfumes from all the best makers; Ebony Brushes, Mirrors, etc.; Atomizers, all sizes and prices, and a host of other good things. See our goods and prices before buying. F. W. Fawcett & Co., 49 Government street. *

Tuneful Cantata.—Great preparations are being made for the presentation of the patriotic cantata, "Britannia and Her Daughter," by the choir of the First Presbyterian church next Monday evening, under the direction of Mr. J. G. Brown. The stage in the large lecture room attached to the church is being enlarged and specially arranged, and will be tastefully decorated. The costumes will be quite a feature, representing as they do every portion of the Empire. The cantata itself, musically, is of a very bright and tuneful character, and will be done fine justice to by those who have the solo work in hand, and the chorus of 35 voices will not be behind in their part after the careful and hard preparation by Mr. Brown and Mrs. Hall. In expectation of the large crowd that will be present, the seating accommodation is being provided for, but it would be as well for those who wish to secure good seats to go early.

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For Pioneer Corps.—Private Smethurst of A company, Canadian contingent, has been selected for a position on the pioneer corps, now at the scene of hostilities in South Africa.

Boxes for Ladies.—At the meeting at the Victoria theatre on Saturday evening next to be addressed by Sir Charles Tupper, the boxes will be reserved for ladies, who are especially invited to be present.

Organ Recital.—At the third of the series of Advent organ recitals to be given on Sunday after evensong at St. John's church Mr. Longfield will be assisted by the following vocalists: Miss Russell, Miss Edith Carter Mr. Cave and Mr. Ernest Powell, solo violin.

The Mantle of White.—Snow on the Sooke hills and snow at Alberni indicates that somewhere at least on the Island there is to be a taste of winter. Several inches of chilly whiteness have fallen thus far at the West Coast town, although not enough as yet to make good sleighing.

No Match.—On account of the death of W. H. Lobb, the secretary of the Victoria Rugby Club telegraphed Vancouver asking that Saturday's match be postponed. It is taken for granted that the request will be granted, so instead of the match there will be a general practice on Saturday.

Prize Drills.—Ald. Hayward has offered a handsome British flag as a trophy to be competed for by the pupils of the public schools, the prize to be won by the two classes, boys and girls, most successful in military drill. The first competition for Ald. Hayward's timely and patriotic gift will be held during next week.

A Correction.—In the account of the business men's excursion to the Boundary country the Arrow lakes were referred to as the headwaters of the Columbia river. This is not correct, the lakes being part but not the headwaters of the Columbia. Further reference to the trip, dealing principally with Rossland and Nelson, will be made.

Regimental Dance.—The annual ball under the auspices of the Fifth regiment at the Drill hall this evening promises to be a most successful affair. The decorations are of an elaborate description. The tramway company has arranged to run cars to all points for the accommodation of those attending the ball at 1 and 2 a.m. and at the conclusion of the dance.

Whist Tournament.—The weekly whist tournament of the J.B.A.A. was held last evening. The first prize was won by C. L. Page, with eight games out of eleven. The tail hustlers were W. Moresby and N. Hardie with three games each out of eleven, the former beating his opponent on the cut and thereby securing one of the unwelcome prizes.

Both Insult and Injury.—Possibly the same industrious poultry thief who, paradoxically, helped himself to the chickens that were Duck's, has again distinguished himself. This time he has increased the size of his bag by two, and evidence his reckless contempt for the terrors of the law by making Police Magistrate Hall his victim. Half a dozen other losses of feathered pets are also bewailing their misfortune.

Craigflower Road.—A large deputation of Victoria West citizens yesterday interviewed Attorney-General Henderson, of the Provincial government, in connection with the now celebrated Craigflower road dispute. The case was gone into at length, and the attorney-general requested to gazette a notice declaring the Craigflower road to be a public highway. Attorney-General Henderson promised to give the matter early attention.

Municipal Elections.—Victoria West ratepayers will hold a meeting at the beginning of next week for the purpose of considering what steps shall be taken by them in the approaching municipal contest. There is a determination on the part of many of the residents of that section to make Victoria West matters a distinct issue at the next city elections, and it is to decide upon what lines the work shall be carried on that the meeting is called.

Virtually Abandoned.—Those who had hoped to see the Lillooet seat vacant during the approaching legislative session, Mr. Prentice either being unseated or declining the risk of possible penalties, are fated to disappointment. When the celebrated petition of appeal against Mr. Prentice's occupancy of the seat was called before Mr. Justice Drake in the Supreme court yesterday, Mr. H. E. Robertson for the petitioners applied for an adjournment until the 17th day after the close of the session, it being impossible under the existing law to hear such matters within fifteen days after a session. There was of course no objection by Mr. E. V. Bodwell, Q.C., representing the respondent; and an enlargement by consent was accordingly entered. This is interpreted as a virtual abandonment of the proceedings. It is highly improbable now that the matter will ever be gone on with.

"The Hot Old Time."—A clever company of comedians, dancers, singers in that successful farce comedy "A Hot Old Time" will be the attraction at the Victoria theatre on Monday evening. A laugh is promised every minute. The comedy was written for this purpose; it is said to answer the requirements. The purport of "A Hot Old Time" is just an excuse to introduce some of the latest and most catchy music of the day, unique characters, numerous specialties of a refined order and above all one of the most pretentious companies ever seen in farce comedy. The comedy has been the hit of the last two seasons, and this season it is said to be even better than heretofore. The company has been carefully selected, and includes such clever artists as John W. Jess, the Rajah of Irish comedians, W. Wallace Black, the phenomenal basso, Ada Melrose and Pearl Revare, John and Bertha Gleeson, the world's greatest dancers and cake-walkers, Hyberta Pryme, singing comedienne and the greatest of all novelty dancers, Miss Anne St. Tel, known as the "Bounding Antelope."

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JUDGMENT GIVEN.

A Side Issue in the Action Respecting Coal Under Nanaimo Harbor.

Mr. Justice Drake yesterday gave judgment on the application of the defendants in the Attorney-General et al v. the E. & N. Railway Company, for discovery of certain documents in connection with the action respecting the right to mine for coal under Nanaimo aarbor. The judgment follows:

"This is an application for discovery against the Attorney-General as well as against the New Vancouver Coal Company. As regards the Attorney-General the application must be dismissed with costs, on the ground that parties are not entitled to obtain discovery against the crown. Attorney-General v. Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 2 D.B., 384. With regard to the other parties the defence has been filed and the general rule is that no order will be made until it appears in the pleadings what the issues are here the defendants have filed a counterclaim, which has been struck out by order, and against which an appeal is pending, until that is disposed of, the issues are not settled, and this application had bettter stand over.

"I may draw attention to the Rule 270 and 271: "In every case there should be a general summons for directions and in case any application which could have been brought under Rule 270 is brought otherwise the party making the application will pay the costs, and as this is one of such a character, the defendants will have to pay the costs."

Mr. Luxton for the summons; Mr. MacLean, D.A.G., contra.

WILL NOT DISBAND.

Mansion House Fund Committee to Continue Its Organization.

At a meeting of the local Mansion House fund committee held yesterday afternoon it was decided to at once send forward a draft for £130 to the Lord Mayor's fund, retaining only a sufficient balance to make the necessary changes to the doors of the Drill hall should the militia department insist on the work being done by them.

The following resolution was also passed: "That though the primary object of this committee has been accomplished, namely, the raising of a subscription to the Mansion House war fund, by popular patriotic entertainments; yet having in view the probability of the necessity arising for other movements of a patriotic nature before the conclusion of the war in the Transvaal, it is resolved that this committee do not disband but that the meeting do now adjourn subject to the call of the chair."

The names of the members of the committee as at present constituted are: Senator Templeman, Col. Gregory, Messrs. Redfern, T. R. Smith, T. E. Pooley, R. Jamieson, H. Kent, C. H. Lugrin, W. Ridgway Wilson (chairman), Chas. Hayward (secretary).

Hunt Club Run.—The Victoria Hunt club meet for their run to-morrow at the Work Point Barracks at 2:30 o'clock.

In Holiday Garb.—Many of the local shopkeepers are already commencing to decorate their premises for the approaching holiday season, which is expected to be more than ordinarily profitable, owing to the generally prosperous times prevailing.

Greeting from Dawson.—The local representative of the Associated Press has received from Dawson, the following message: "The St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society of Dawson sends greetings to their brethren of the outside world. Alfred Thompson, secretary." The belated message came by wire to Skagway and was brought down on the last trip from the North of the steamer City of Seattle.

A Wandering Boy. — Mayor Redfern yesterday received a very pathetic letter from Lewis J. Lewis, of Ewardsdale, Lazenne county, Pennsylvania. The writer asks for information of the whereabouts of his son, Thomas Lewis, whom he describes as a young man, 5 feet 8 inches in height, dark complexion, by occupation a miner, who left his home in Edwardsdale six years ago. Nothing has been heard of the missing man for over a year, his letters to his parents, which had been regularly received, having suddenly ceased. In the letter begging some information of his missing son, Mr. Lewis pathetically writes: "It would help his aged parents and solace their declining years, as they are positively heart-broken."

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These prices, notwithstanding the advancing silk market. We anticipated the rise and bought early. You can have the 25c. we saved, if you choose from present stock. Buy early though before the initials you want are taken.

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THE WESTSIDE.

Containing News That Should Not Be Missed.

You dislike the term "bargain" perhaps. We're not surprised. A splendid word that has lost it's reputation—like the magpie—in bad company. If you would understand the redemption of the word read to-day's announcements.

About Choosing Furs

A SAFE fur store must have more than honesty—it must have KNOWLEDGE too. If you find after a few months that you were deceived in a fur, it's poor comfort to know that the dealer was deceived too—for YOU pay for HIS ignorance.

The advances in the furrier's art only add to the danger. We've seen a jacket that was sold for electric seal when it was simply half sheared coney. Our long experience makes our guarantee of some value. The fur stock is ample and rich—Sable, Seal, Bear, Blk. Marten, Iceland Lamb, Persian Lamb, Mink, Silver Fox, etc.

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Fur Scarfs,
Fur Muffs to match.

See windows and second floor for special displays.

Umbrellas

As a matter of fact nothing makes a more useful present and is appreciated better, either by lady or gentleman, than an umbrella, especially at this season of the year We have just received a new lot, and have now a very choice assortment.

From 60c. to $16.50 Each,

YOU CAN'T DUPLICATE OUR $1.50 GLOVE.

In America for this amount of money. We struck a popular chord and made a hit. Already the line of goods that was offered at this price is beginning to run low, but we'll not disappoint a soul. Remember we are pleased to see you if you only come to look at the goods. Our offer is a $2 glove for $1.50, and you're bound to recognize the value.

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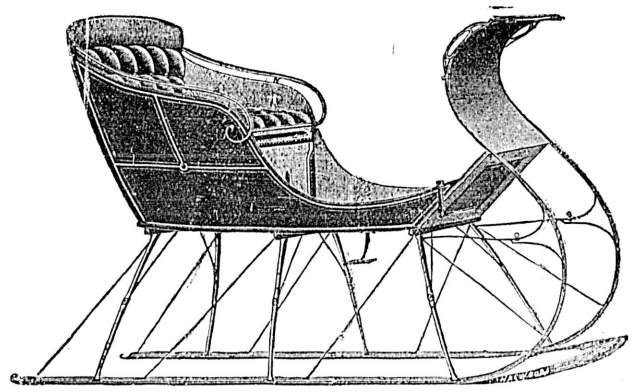

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The Coming Mining Camp.

Mount Sicker Shipments Compare Favorably With the Rossland List.

Tramway Construction Advancing--Lenora Output Passes the Iron Mask.

Every day that passes seems to bring Victoria nearer to her future position as a second Spokane on the Coast—the centre of a mining district infinitely greater and richer than the famous Rossland camp.

Victorians have apparently not yet awakened to full realization of the situation and of the advantages now at their hand—yet the facts are beginning to speak for themselves, and so plainly that they cannot much longer be treated with indifference.

Taking the Mount Sicker camp for an illustration, it being the camp in which development has most advanced; and using the Lenora mine in particular as the example—it is safe to say that no other mine in the province makes so great a showing for the time and money spent upon it.

And it is only one of the shipping mines of this particular camp, a camp that has long since passed the experimental stage.

As an incontrovertible fact, the Lenora stands in the position of being today a heavier continuous shipper than any of the Rossland district mines, with the exception of four, and running this fourth very close indeed. At the same time it must not be forgotten in the calculation that the Rossland ore is worth only about $12.50 per ton, while the Lenora output would be cheap at $25.

The four big mines of the Rossland camp, the leaders having had millions upon millions spent in their development, made shipments last week as follows:

	tons
Le Roi	2,560
War Eagle	1,920
Centre Star	1,110
Iron Mask	150

The Lenora mine at Mount Sicker has been shipping from 120 to 150 tons per week for months past; and the management announce that so soon as the new tramway is completed, additional men will be put on, and ore shipments be increased to from 50 to 100 tons per diem. Three hundred and seventy tons in one shipment was forwarded to the Van Anda smelter last Sunday, while about 4,000 tons will be shipped during the next four months.

Men are now being employed at the mine in development work and in taking out such of the ore as is thus made available—18 tons a day or thereabouts. About 500 tons of first-class ore is now on hand at the mine, ready for shipment as soon as the tramway to the railway line is completed, which will be in a month or six weeks.

Contractor John Haggarty now has construction work well under way, and the work is being pushed with all consistent rapidity. An ore body 22 feet in width has been struck in the No. 1 upraise crosscut, 11 feet of ore.

The mine company having been requested to put town lots on the market, have surveyed about 70 well situated lots, and are disposing of them at a decidedly low figure.

WONDERFUL GOAT'S LYMPH.

Chicago Doctors Use It to Cure a Case of Insanity.

Medical circles in Chicago have been exercised over the extraordinary recovery of a patient named Irvin Feller Bush from an attack of insantiy which was regarded as incurable. The newspapers of that city have devoted colnmns to the matter.

The cure was affected by the use of goat's lymph, a remedy said to have been first suggested by Dr. B. F. Roberts, of Green City, Mo., who recently sailed for Europe to instruct a number of physicians in his method of operation.

The lymph was administered to Bush under the direction of Dr. Joseph R. Hawley, formerly professor of physical diagnosis in the Chicago Clinical School, and Dr. A. A. Lowenthal, former superintendent of the Kankakee asylum.

Ivin Fuller Bush's family is one of the best known in Joliet, Ill. Mr. Bush himself is prominent in business and social life and until two years ago was in the possession of perfect health.

Five years ago he married Miss Eva Smalley, of Joliet, and they have two bright children. Two years ago he became subject to peculiar attacks which produced what he described as "a something sensation," but he managed his diverse business interests with skill and effectiveness until December 15 last, when one of his customary attacks was followed by a convulsive choking, which completely prostrated him.

This was repeated several times and his doctor feared that he would die. After a time he recovered temporarily, but soon developed signs of incipient insanity.

Ten days later he experienced another seizure and from then onward his mental malady made rapid strides. The doctors diagnosed the case as one of paranoia. He became morose and at times violent, and at last was regarded as so dangerous that the court ordered his incarceration in Kankakee asylum.

There he grew still worse. At times his mind seemed absolutely dead. If an attendant placed him in any position, say with arms upraised and hands extended—he would remain in that exact attitude until the attendant moved him to another. At times, however, he became violent and attacked keepers and other inmates. He was registered on the asylum books as a paranoiac and incurable. A number of doctors who visited him coincided in this view.

Drs. Hawley and Lowenthal, however, resolved to attempt a cure with Dr. Robert's lymph, and after obtaining Mrs. Bush's consent they secured the court's order for his release.

The lymph was injected hypodermically into his hips and arms four times a day, and when an improvement was at last noticed, the treatment was diminished by degrees to one injection a day.

Mr. Bush was sent home completely cured on Thursday, September 16, and is now attending to his business in Joliet as if nothing had ever interfered with his affairs. The treatment lasted for ninety days.

FAINT HEARTED PATRIOT.

New York, Dec. 14.—Because of the reverses which have befallen British arms in South Africa, and thoroughly convinced that England will be beaten in the Transvaal, Daniel A. Webber, an Englishman, jumped out of his window from the fourth story last night and was instantly killed. He was 57 years of age.

If you are tired of taking the large old-fashioned griping pills, try Carter's Little Liver Pills and take some comfort. A man can't stand everything. One pill a dose. Try them.

Oriental Crisis Near at Hand.

Russian Aggression in Korea Tests the Limit of Japanese Patience.

Even to Report of Actual Diplomatic Rupture--Wrecked Sealers' Troubles.

The Asiatic problem with the troubled little kingdom of Korea as the bone of contention, if not the theatre of action, seems to be shaping itself daily into a most serious one, which threatens to draw the great powers of Europe into its dangerous complications. Russian aggression upon what Japan regards as her established rights appears to be bringing a crisis nearer, and the press of the island empire is taking a firm stand for the maintenance of the dignity of Japan and her national rights.

A recent minor incident, according to advices by the just-arrived Empress, has caused the smouldering fire of anger to blaze in Japan, and if international complications do not eventuate during the next few weeks it will be indeed surprising.

The incident in question arose through the wreck of a Japanese sealing schooner, the Hinode Maru, off the Copper island hunting grounds, all save one boat's crew of four being lost. This quartette of survivors succeeded in reaching the coast, but instead of being treated with the humane consideration due to shipwrecked men, were rudely seized by the Russian soldiery and imprisoned—not yet having been released, according to latest advices.

The Hinode-maru left Hakodate in June last, and is understood to have had 400 odd skins on board when she foundered and went down during the mid-October gales while on her way to try for otter on the Kurile island line. The schooner was in charge of Capt. W. J. Wilson, and included a number of American hunters in the crew.

Another incident which may precipitate a crisis is reported from Matsuye (Izumo) under date of the 16th November, a messenger having arrived there from Ulneung island with the news that on the 3rd of the month a Russian warship arrived there and landed 30 men, who took down the Japanese flag, which the Japanese residents had hoisted in honor of the emperor's birthday, and declared the island was in the occupation of Russia. A series of photographs was then taken, and the warship sailed away, leaving 15 bluejackets on the island.

The Hochi Shimbun, discussing the relations between Japan and Russia, says that when the London Times speaks of the patience of the Japanese people as nearly exhausted, it describes the situation accurately, and adds that if the Japanese do not make their voices heard loudly it is because in matters of foreign policy they are muzzled by officialdom.

The Jinmin also writes in a highly sensational strain. It takes comfort, however, in the reflection that the effort and expenditure England will have to make in connection with the Transvaal are no more to her than the proverbial "one hair of nine oxen," and that no opportunity has really been created for foreign aggression in the Far East. At the same time it gives currency to an extraordinary report that a high official has been despatched by the government to Tochigi to obtain the emperor's signature to a document supposed to have reference to military matters in Korea.

Under the heading of "Reported Rupture of Relations Between Russia and Japan," the North China Daily News of the 13th ultimo had this paragraph: "It is stated that the local mandarins received the following official telegram from the north yesterday: 'Owing to the Russians being determined to acquire the port of Masanpo, Korea, against the strenuous opposition of Japan, diplomatic relations between the two countries have been broken off.'"

ALONG THE WATER FRONT

Repairs to the Amur—Sealers Sail—Steamer Victorian All Right Again.

Work on the alterations and improvements to the steamship Amur, which is lying at the dock at the foot of Johnson street, are proceeding rapidly, and when completed the Amur will be one of the best-equipped vessels engaged in attending to the Cape Nome rush in the spring.

The tug Lorne yesterday towed the ship Killarney, salmon laden from the Fraser for Liverpool, to the Royal Roads.

Steamer Victorian is expected to arrive on time from the Sound this morning, the necessary repairs to her machinery having been effected. Several changes on the officers' staff have been made, Capt. Clancy succeeding Capt. O. A. Anderson, resigned. Capt. Oliver, of the tug Wallowa, has received the appointment of pilot.

The American schooner Fred. J. Woods, which has just arrived at Port Townsend from Santa Rosalia, will load in a few days a cargo of mining props at Esquimalt for Mexico.

The ship Sea King has finished loading her cargo of lumber at Chemainus, and will be towed to sea by the tug Sea Lion, stopping at Port Angeles to ship a crew.

The sealing schooners Carlotta G. Cox, Vera, Penelope, Umbrina and E. B. Marvin departed yesterday on the southern cruise.

The barkentine North West, with a cargo of props for Santa Rosalia, sailed yesterday.

A. J. Bechtel, the well-known sealing man, in company with others, has chartered the schooner Oscar Rover, which will be sent on the coast cruise for seals shortly.

The Italian bark Cavour will be towed to New Whatcom this morning.

Steamer Willapa sails for northern British Columbia ports this morning.

The bark Highland Light sailed last evening for Departure Bay, where she will load coal for San Francisco.

THE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

Distribution of Prizes at the Christmas Closing Exercises.

The distribution of prizes took place yesterday at the Christ church schoolroom, and was graced by a large and appreciative gathering. The Bishop of Columbia presided, supported by Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, M. A., Rev. W. D. Barber, M. A., J. W. Laing, M. A., head master, and the staff of the school.

The head master read his report, announcing a considerable increase in the number of scholars, who now total 54, compared with 34 a year ago; the boarders number 19, with a promised increase of six next term. Allusion was made to the thorough and exhaustive examination conducted in July by Archdeacon Scriven and Rev. W. D. Barber, M. A., which called forth excellent testimonials as to the result of the work done. Of the old boys, Hanington obtained a high place in the McGill university matriculation in July, while Costobadie I. and II. qualified for the Royal Medical college of London by passing the Cambridge junior local examination in all subjects (7) taken up. Sergeant Camp, of the Royal Garrison Artillery, has been engaged as drill instructor, and has done excellent work with the boys.

The difficulty of having a suitable field for games near the school has been obviated by renting Sir Joseph Trutch's field on Cook street. The head master reported a sound moral tone and thoroughly good discipline throughout the school.

Continuing, he said: "Thoroughness is our aim, and the fact that we have boys from Honolulu, the Sound cities and distant points of British Columbia testifies to our being known beyond the city of Victoria." Concluding, he heartily thanked his colleagues, the Rev. C. E. Sharp, M. A., and Mr. H. J. S. Muskett, for their unvarying support and co-operation in assisting him to carry on the work of the school, which, by God's blessing, is now in such a prosperous condition.

The Bishop of Columbia presented the prizes as follows:

Form VI. to Wilmot, whose work thoroughly deserves his position as head of the school; Hanington second.

Form V. to Patton, a boy of considerable promise; J. Keefer second.

Form IV. to Raymur, closely followed by Dart, who was awarded a second prize.

Form III. to W. Newcombe; Todd I., second.

Upper second form to C. Spencer; Hodson second.

Lower second form to A. Spencer; Hastings II., second.

First form to J. Nixon, a second prize being given to Sholto Gillespie.

Divinity prizes, presented by Archdeacon Scriven, to Hanington and Todd I.

Recitation prize, presented by Hon. P. O'Reilly, to Usborne; second prize to Arnaytage.

Arithmetic prize, presented by the Hon. Mr. Justice Martin, to Patton; second prize, presented by Messrs Short & Sons, to W. Newcombe.

Moral conduct prize, to Dorrell.

Ven. Archdeacon Scriven presented his report of the school scholarship examination just held, which was awarded to William Newcombe, with an average of 71 1-2 per cent., Patton being second with 65 1-3, and Hanington third, with 65.

The rest of the entertainment comprised a musical drill in which a squad of the boys took part with excellent precision, some scenes from Moliere's "Bourgeois Gentilhomme" well acted by the boys, especially Hanington, whose French accent reflected great credit on his training, while the farcical play of "Turn Him Out" completed a most delightful evening's entertainment. Cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Laing, the staff and the Bishop of Columbia followed the playing of "God Save the Queen." The school will re-assemble on January 8.

DIED FROM EXPOSURE.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—The body of Fred Hargrave, aged about 45, a farm laborer, was found on the prairie yesterday. Death evidently resulted from exposure. Deceased had an annuity from England and was addicted to drink.

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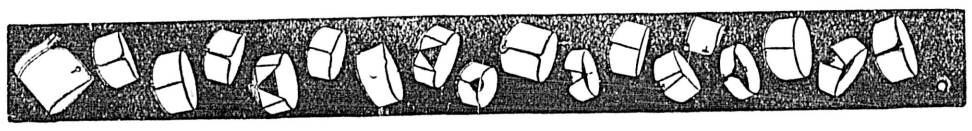

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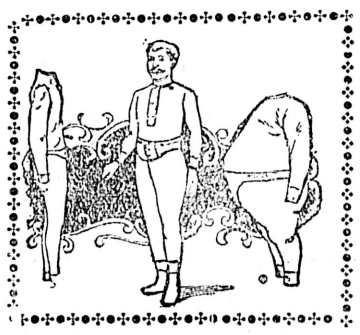

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The Exodus Of Uitlanders.

Joe Blumenthal Writes Entertainingly of the Desertion of Johannesburg.

A Prisoner at Pretoria Says Things About the Britsh Officers.

In a letter which Mr. Reginald Hayward has just received from his old friend, Joseph Blumenthal, now in Capetown, S. A., the latter gentleman gives some very interesting details of his trip thither from Johannesburg—his departure having been told of in a letter to his sister, Mrs. H. L. Salmon, which the Colonist was permitted to make extracts from several weeks ago. In his later letter, Mr. Blumenthal says:

"I was unable to obtain a permit from the Transvaal government allowing me to stop, and had to cheer with the rest of the Britishers who remained in the country. I left on Monday, October 16, two days before the limit allowed to all Britishers who were without permits to remain in the country, expired. On the previous day the N. Z. A. S. M. (Netherlands South African Railway Company) received orders to issue free tickets to all Britishers remaining in the country, so I obtained one and started on my "pleasure trip" to the coast. Immediately before starting we informed that as the Cape government were leaving the station at the Free State border, and would not provide trains to receive the refugees, we would be sent to Delagoa Bay. After travelling about fifty miles on the way to Delagoa Bay another telegram was received saying that the Free State had prevailed on the Cape government railway to provide a train for this, the last lot going through to the Cape, so we turned back and went to the Free State on our way to the Cape Colony.

"Upon arriving at the South African Republic border we all had to turn out and be searched for arms and bar gold. From there we went to the border station in the Free State and all had to turn out for the purpose of changing "carriages." These carriages consisted of coal trucks with half an inch of coal dust on the floor, no seats of any kind whatsoever, and a plank about two feet high to save us from falling out of the truck on to the ground. The surroundings were on a par with the truck, if not worse. I was situated at the side of a truck sitting on top of my box. Next to me, on my left, were about three or four families of Kaffirs, each one possessing the full flavor and perfume of the unwashed black. At my back was a company of Malays, jabbering in their lingo and making a most infernal row the whole day long, and they had with them a very large quantity of baggage, which made it impossible to move in any direction, or even to stand up comfortably. On the other side of me were a lot of those beings known in this country as "Peruvians," more recognizable to you as Russian Jews, people who would "skin a flea for its hide and tallow,' and as for ever making the acquaintance of soap and water, it has not happened to any of them since, well, the flood. So you can imagine the sort of time I was having in this mixed crowd. The truck was about 20x6 feet, and in this small space there were stowed close on 75 people, of whom about ten were white men.

"But to continue with the story of the journey: When we had to change at the Orange Free State border we had to wait about an hour for the trucks that were to take us through the Free State, to arrive, and then we were discovered to have accommodation for about three-quarters of the passengers. This entailed another wait for more trucks (all coal), and we finally got away about 2 a.m., after a wait of six hours. We arrived at the Colony border without any excitement beyond a free fight between blacks and whites, in which a black had his head broken by a bottle, the fellow who did it being fined 40s ($9.70) for 'depositing debris on the railway lands.'

"We arrived at the border at 12 o'clock at night, and were informed that we would have to walk a distance of about two and a half miles if we wanted to get to the Cape side of the Orange river; so we took all our goods and chattels on our backs and tramped through one of the worst roads in the world (there must have been six inches of dust on it), and finally after a trot of an hour and a half crossed the bridge and found outselves in British territory, and a British train waiting to take us to Capetown, or at least to the next station. From the Orange River station (Norvals Pont) we went on to Naaupoort Junction, where we had to change; thence to De Aar Junction, where we had to change again. From there to another station, where we changed for the fifth time, but this time we managed to get into what the Cape government railway called "carriages," the Lord knows what they really were; and so we got to Capetown without further change of trucks or 'carriages.'

"The whole trip lasted four days, where as the usual time for the journey is 52 hours. During this time we were exposed to the scorching rays of a South African sun; and in the night we froze—for the African karroo (prairie) is bitterly cold at night, no matter how hot it may have been in the daytime. And to make matters worse for myself, I had no blanket. If I had had a blanket it would have been lost; my box occupied all my attention to prevent it being lost every time we changed (it weighed about 70 pounds). I am now in Capetown as a refugee, 'living on my income.' When that is gone I suppose I shall have to apply to the Rand relief committee for a job on the breakwater or something of that sort. But before that time comes I hope to get a billet in my own line, viz., shorthand writer, so I do not trouble much on that score.

"Capetown is at the present time full of refugees from the Rand, and the streets, ordinarily quiet at any time of the day, are now thronged at all hours of the day and night; at times it is difficult to make one's way through the main streets, so crowded are they.

"And then there are the Kaffirs and Malays. The license which is allowed to these worthies is something awful. They fill up all the tramcars and pavements, and are as cheeky as a kind and benign government can possibly allow them to be. In Johannesburg if a Kaffir is cheeky he gets a thrashing; but here if he is touched he will retaliate with the help of two or three comrades (they are gregarious), and then has the privilege of running you in, and what's more, he will get you convicted. Nice place this—for the Kaffirs—but not for the white man. I will not make any remarks about the war; we get so much of it that I am sick of reading the papers and listening to the rot that people talk, especially the Dutch portion of the population."

Several other interesting letters have also come to hand during the past few days from Canadians now resident in troubled South Africa. One of these had been smuggled out of Pretoria, the Transvaal capital, and ultimately found its way via the Portuguese possessions to George Gardiner, a waiter employed at the Union Badminton club in this city. It was from Mr. Gardiner's brother, who was made a prisoner while serving in Gen. White's army in one of the earliest engagements of the campaign. Unfortunately for the public, who would undoubtedly be glad to have the news it gives, Mr. Gardiner is deaf to all applications for permission to publish. The fact that the letter denounces one or two of the British officers for cowardice, one young lieutenant in particular being said to have attempted to display a flag of truce which three times was knocked from his hand, may have something to do with the decisive refusal.

Letters have also been coming in freely of late from the members of the Canadian contingent, their mail posted at Cape Verde, and containing the news of their sea voyage, having arrived Tuesday evening. In one of these letters Private Cornwall refers briefly to the discomforts of overcrowding on the voyage, and also speaks of the general health and good spirits of the Canadians, although a show of insubordination among the Quebec volunteers at one stage of the voyage called for sharp and effective disciplining.

Private Whitely evidently enjoyed the voyage, for he writes that the trip was a good one, with plenty to eat and smoke, and lots of time for sleeping. He adds that the British Columbia boys are "sticking together like brothers and ready to fight the devil if necessary."

Which would indicate that Private Whitely may also be retained as special correspondent of the War Cry on the field.

VANCOUVER NEWS NOTES.

Mr. Martin's Christmas Greetings—Ludgate Fraction Organize—Sir Chas. Tupper's Arrival.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 14.—The Ludgate faction have organized and are choosing aldermen for each ward in the city.

The grand reception being prepared by the Conservatives for Sir Charles Tupper, timed for to-morrow, has been cancelled on account of the unexpected arrival of the venerable chieftain a day ahead of the time announced. He came on to-day's express, unknown even to his son, Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, to whose house he proceeded directly from the station. Sir Charles will address a meeting in Victoria on Saturday.

Mr. Joseph Martin is to hold a mass meeting during Christmas week for the purpose of giving an account of his stewardship as a member of the legislature. On being asked to express himself on the late Manitoba and coming provincial elections, Mr. Martin said that everyone knew exactly where he stood, and he did not care to say anything.

DEAF MUTES IN PERIL.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 14.—The state institution for the deaf and dumb was completely destroyed by fire this evening. The pupils were panic-stricken but the teachers quickly secured control of them and it is believed all were saved. The value of the destroyed property is very large. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

HELPING OUT A BANK.

Boston, Dec. 14.—At a meeting of the Boston clearing house association representing the national banks of this city it was voted to issue $3,500,000 in special clearing house certificates to enable the Globe National Bank to tide over the difficulties in its finance which have existed for some time.

One in Seven Dies of Consumption.

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LOCAL NEWS.

May Be a Candidate.—The friends of Sergt.-Major Mulcahy are urging him to make application for the position of chief of police.

Sons of England Officers.—In publishing the list of officers of the local lodge, Sons of England, omission was made of the names of A. Thomas, past president, Alexandra lodge, and S. Brakes, past president Pride of the Island lodge.

The War Excitement.—The "Man in the Street" was busy yesterday diagnosing the latest news from the seat of war, and all day long little groups were gathered on the street corners and in front of the bulletin boards. The man who knows it all was much in evidence, and there were numerous lively disputes over the progress of the campaign.

Lively Session Anticipated. — Aside from the political surprises anticipated at the approaching session of the legislature, the meeting promises to be an unusually busy one, a great number of private bills requiring attention, owing to the marvellously rapid development of northern British Columbia. Schemes looking to the opening up of the province on a comprehensive scale will also require to be considered; and altogether the session commencing January 5 is expected to prove a very lively and important one.

Fifth Regiment Ball.—In connection with the Fifth Regiment ball to be held at the drill hall this evening, the following regulations affecting the management of the supper room have been made: "Owing to the large number likely to be present, it is a matter of no small difficulty to provide everybody with refreshments in the shortest possible time. Guests are requested to assist the committee by carrying out the following regulations: Admission to the supper room will be by ticket, admitting lady and gentleman, which will be issued to each lady as she enters the hall; those arriving first receiving tickets for the first table. Each table will be announced by the call of the bugle, when large notices of same color as the respective tickets will be placed over entrance to supper room. Guests holding tickets of same color will then be expected in the supper room. No others will on any excuse whatsoever be admitted. Each table has the capacity for the number of tickets issued for it and no more. In addition to supper proper, light refreshments will be served all the evening at a tea table provided for that purpose."

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PERSONAL.

Dr. Lewis Hall will return from Vancouver this evening.

Ald. J. L. Beckwith returned last evening from the Mainland.

Dr. W. A. Richardson and wife have returned from California.

A. Ewen and Miss Ewen of New Westminster are guests at the Driard.

C. G. Ballantyne of Honolulu, formerly of this city, is a guest at the Driard.

E. A. Morris and J. E. Church were passengers from Vancouver last evening.

Dr. R. E. McKechnie, president of the executive council, is down from Nanaimo.

Sheriff Armstrong of New Westminster and Sheriff Hall of Vancouver are in the city.

W. A. Lawson, of R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., returned last evening from a business visit to the Mainland.

Capt. Rant and H. Dalby, who recently arrived at Seattle from the North, came over on the Utopia yesterday.

A. H. Macneill arrived from the Sound yesterday and joined Mrs. Macneill, who arrived from Vancouver on Wednesday.

E. J. Palmer, manager of the Chemainus mill, returned from the Sound yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alexander, of Lake Hill, formerly of Saanich, will celebrate their golden wedding on Christmas day.

J. T. Bethune was a passenger from the Sound yesterday morning on the Utopia. Mr. Bethune came down from the North on the last trip of the City of Seattle.

Charles A. Derry, organizer for the Fifteenth district of the International Typographical Union, with headquarters at Seattle, arrived down from Nanaimo yesterday, after organizing a branch of the union there.

Intelligence has been received from Toronto of the death in that city of Mrs. A. Hope Crawford, wife of the chief stenographer of the law courts of Ontario, sister of Mr. Dan McLachlan and sister-in-law to Mrs. George Herd, of this city. The deceased lady had been ill for a considerable time.

Will positively cure sick headache and prevent its return. Carter's Little Liver Pills. This is not talk, but truth. One pill a dose. See advertisement. Small pill. Small dose. Small price.

DIED IN GAOL.

Man Suspected of the Bings Murder Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon.

Daniel McDonald Gordon, known as Sergt. Gordon through his claim that he had been a non-commissioned officer in the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders, died at the provincial gaol yesterday afternoon, as the result of a severe hemorrhage. As soon as it was learned that Gordon was dying Supt. Hussey rushed to the gaol in the hope that the dying man would clear up the mystery surrounding the murder of Mrs. Bings on the Indian reserve, for the police suspected that Gordon knew more about the murder than anyone else. However, he was too far gone when the Superintendent arrived to make a statement.

Suspicion first attached to Gordon a few days after the murder when he offered his services as a private detective to the police. He haunted the headquarters and finally led the police to the spot where the skirt belonging to the dead woman was found, although the police had previously made a diligent search for it without success. This seemed so suspicious that the police made a search of Gordon's cabin and in a tub of water found a lot of clothes, which, however, were so filthy and had been in the water for so long that nothing could be made of them.

There was another circumstance that made the police suspect Gordon. On the night of the murder a man answering Gordon's description was seen by Mrs. Bales of Victoria West as she left the railway bridge to proceed home through the Indian reserve. The man peered into her face, followed her a short distance and then returned towards the bridge. A woman supposed to be Mrs. Bings crossed the bridge at the same time as Mrs. Bales, but instead of proceeding along the sidewalk went along the railway track. When half way through the reserve Mrs. Bales heard a scream and stopped, but the wind being high she could not hear anything more. She believes now that it was Mrs. Bings' dying cry that she heard.

Statements attributed to Gordon show that he was a mental pervert on the subject of women.

The deceased was a man of about 62 years of age, standing over six feet and built like a giant. He was a member of the provincial police force for a short time and took a hand at prospecting but latterly lived by doing odd jobs. He gave so many accounts of his life before coming here, that it is impossible to say what his occupation was. Both his ears were cut off, he said in battle but others said as punishment for some crime.

Gordon was in gaol for stealing a pipe, having served about two weeks of the two months for which he was sentenced.

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Dated at Victoria, B. C., October 12, 1899

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Re William Henry Flewin, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of the above named deceased are requested to send particulars thereof with a statement of any securities (if any) held by them, and all parties indebted to the estate to pay the amount of their indebtedness, and any person having any deeds or other documents in hand belonging to the deceased to send the same to the undersigned forthwith.

Dated this 2nd December, 1899.

J. P. WALLS,
14 Bastion Square, Victoria.
Solicitors for the executors, Thomas Flewin, Chas. F. Flewin and Jarves Longhurst.

A very useful little table was recently published by the late Peter J. Leech, of Victoria, entitled:

"Hour Angles Without Logarithms."

It was originally intended for the use of surveyors in Canada, but the results obtained from it are sufficiently accurate to be of great service to navigators in the latitudes mentioned, viz., 40 degrees to 60 degrees north, and 40 degrees to 60 degrees outh.

Should the navigator prefer to determine his hour angle in the usual manner, Mr. Leech's table will prove invaluable as affording a ready check upon his work.

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Leave Victoria Saturday	9.00 a.m.	and 3.10 p.m.
Arrive Victoria D'ly except Sunday	11.45 a.m.	
Arrive Victoria Saturday	11.45 a.m.	and 6.25 p.m
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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Dec. 14.—8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.

A storm area is central off the Washington coast and moving northward, and will be accompanied by high winds and decreasing temperature; the rainfall has been general on the coast and snow is falling at Kamloops. An extensive high area still covers the northern portion of the province and the Canadian Northwest, with temperatures considerably below zero, and moderate winds.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	39	43
New Westminster	34	40
Kamloops	26	32
Barkerville	— 4	10
Calgary	— 0	— 0
Winnipeg	—14	12
Portland, Ore	34	42
San Francisco	48	54

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time) Friday:

Victoria and Vicinity—Easterly winds, increasing in force on the Coast; unsettled, with rains.

Lower Mainland—Easterly winds; unsettled, with rains.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon, and 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, Dec. 14.

	Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m.	41	Mean	41
Noon	42	Highest	43
5 p.m.	41	Lowest	39

The velocity and direction of the wind was as follows:

5 a.m. ..... 4 miles east.
Noon ..... 12 miles northeast.
5 p.m. ..... 8 miles northeast.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

Barometer at noon—Observed 29.837
Corrected 29.818

PASSENGERS.

By steamer Utopia from the Sound:

R. Britton.
Mrs. McDonald.
H. Kenworthy.
E. A. Morris.
J. Webb.
A. Mortimer.
E. Furney.
O. J. Rackham.
A. McCormick.
W. A. Lawson.
Alix. Ewen.
F. W. Howay.
Miss Ewen.
Mrs. Wm. McNell.
J. L. Beckwith.
R. S. Chapman.
D. West.
J. E. Church.
J. Richards.
L. A. Cross.
Mrs. McCormick.
W. G. Turner.
Lum Tat.
H. Darling.
W. H. Reid.

By steamer Charmer from Vancouver:

J. W. Evans.
Capt. Rant.
F. Dimmock.
J. F. Ironbridge.
J. H. McLaferty.
J. W. Roscal.
T. J. Palmer.
J. T. Bethune.
H. A. Nesline.
Mrs. Moxam.
W. Code.
Mrs. Richardson.
W. Redhurst.
A. Williams.
A. R. Patterson.
H. Dalby.
J. H. Richdale.
Chas. Stewart.
W. H. Higgins.
. McHardy.
C. G. Ballentine.
C. W. Cook.
G. W. Moxham.
A. H. McNell.
W. A. Richardson.
W. D. Jones.
A. W. Kome.
Mrs. Williams.

CONSIGNEES.

By steamer Charmer from Vancouver:

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Weller Bros.
J. Piercy & Co.
F. S. Berridge.
Ames Holden Co.
E. Crow Baker.
Robt. Croft.
E. H. Anderson.
McCandless Bros.
Erskine, W. & Co.
R. E. Cooper.
S. J. Pitts.
G. H. Maynard.
Clarke & Pearson.
Johns Bros.
Miss Soper.
Wm. Harrison.
Alf. Williams.
Dom. Ex. Co.
R. P. Rithet & Co.
Lowenberg & Co.
G. Carter.
G. Powell & Co.
Senz & Leiser.
S. P. Moody.
B. C. Jobbing Co.
J. Logg.
W. & J. Wilson.
Parsons Prod. Co.
Turner, B. & Co.
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S. Marks.
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E. G. Tilton.
H. C. Beeton & Co.
Albion Iron Wks.
F. R. Stewart.
B. C. C. Co.
Turner, B. & Co.
R. F. Donning & Co.
L. Goodacre.
Lodingham Bros.
G. C. Hinton & Co.

BOYCOTTING A NEWSPAPER.

Trouble in New York Sun Office Taken Up by Federation of Labor.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 14.—The American Federation of Labor convention to-day adopted a resolution declaring an endorsement of the Sun, New York, boycott of the federation, approving the "magnificent defence of the rights of labor" made by the printers and stereotypers in the matter, and calling upon "all organized workingmen, all lovers of justice, all friends of humanity, to require of the Sun corporation that it right the wrong it has done to its old employees by returning to the condition that preceded the strike or lock-out of last August."

In the event of refusal the resolution "calls upon all members of affiliated unions, and all who sympathize therewith, to refrain from purchasing the Sun and Evening Sun, and to discontinue dealing with any person, firm or corporation that advertises in those papers."

LIFE PRISONER AT FOURTEEN.

Saratoga, N.Y., Dec. 13.—Irving Shaw 14 years of age, of Providence, Saratoga county, was to-day convicted of murdering his playmate, Jesse Blanche, at Providence last October. Justice Stover sentenced him to life imprisonment. He is believed to be the youngest life prisoner in the state.

CLOSE CALL AT MADRID.

Madrid, Dec. 13.—The chamber of deputies to-day by a vote of 101 against 100 rejected a motion demanding the abolition of the under secretary of the navy and other posts at the ministry of marine. From the closeness of the vote a ministerial crisis is believed to be imminent.

THE MAKESHIFT BOUNDARY.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The government of Great Britain has designated F. King the government astronomer at Ottawa, as its representative in the delimitation in the provisional boundary line between Alaska and Canada about the head of the Lynn Canal under terms of the modus vivendi of October 20. The government of the United States has designated O. H. Titman, assistant superintendant of the coast and geodetic survey, to act in a similar capacity.

AN ARTIST'S DEATH.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—L. O'Brien the well known Canadian artist, died to-night after a prolonged illness. He was one of the best known artists in Canada and was a brother of Henry O'Brien, lawyer, and Wm. O'Brien, ex-M.P. for Manitoba.

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Balm for the Postal Clerks.

Wise Man From Headquarters Ferrets Out Cause of Their Perennial Hard-ups.

Landlords and Grocery Men to Blame and Not Thrifty Government.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 14.—The trades and labor council recently asked the Dominion government to investigate the complaint made to them that many of the post office employees of Vancouver were overworked and underpaid. The council added words to the effect that should the federal government not comply with their request they might be heard from again more emphatically—on the occasion of the forthcoming elections.

Post Office Inspector Bennett is in Vancouver and has been here for two or three weeks inspecting the Vancouver post office. It having been said that his visit is in connection with the communication sent to the department by the trades and labor council, the Colonist correspondent called on Mr. Bennett yesterday to find out.

Mr. Bennett said that the department of course always attended to any representation made by a community or body of men of recognized standing, and his visit was partly due to the communication received by the department from the Knights of Labor at Vancouver. He was looking very thoroughly into the matter, and would make an exhaustive report. He had not yet finished his labors, and could not express an opinion, as to the reasonableness, or otherwise, of the complaints made. His recommendations might not be acted upon by the department and should they be known beforehand by the public, it would place all parties concerned in a rather awkward position. In the course of conversation Mr. Bennett declared that with the cost of living the same or about the same Vancouver post office officials were paid much better than Winnipeg clerks.

In Winnipeg low salaried clerks from $800 down received 10 per cent of their salary only as a supplementary amount for increased cost of living as compared with the East, while in Vancouver clerks received $10 a month additional.

Again the number of clerks in the Vancouver office according to population was about the same as in Winnipeg. If anything Vancouver had the advantage. He thought perhaps that the high cost of living should be taken up by the trades and labor council in another direction. Rents for houses were exorbitantly high in Vancouver. It would, he thought, be more to the point for the trades and labor union to unite their forces in obliging the landlords to bring down these rents, and the same might apply in some degree at least to high priced provision stores. Provisions, however, were getting cheaper every year in British Columbia, and there was not now any very marked difference in the price of staples here than in the East. The great evil was the ridiculously high rents in Vancouver. The poor had a harder time of it in Winnipeg, however, with provisions a trifle cheaper, fuel is far dearer in Manitoba, and the houses of the poor require more fuel than the houses of the rich and they have to pay $9 for every ton of coal they burn. Rents also are very high there.

Mr. Bennett said that his inspection here would necessitate his going thoroughly into the working of the Manitoba offices on his way back, as a conclusion must be arrived at through making comparisons as well as by other means. Mr. Bennett added that he had been thirty years in the service and the department were constantly choosing him for cases like the present, as he could be depended upon to make a most thorough investigation. Mr. Bennett reiterates that he could not on any account express any opinion, and did not desire to be quoted as indirectly or directly doing so.

Astonishing deductions could be made from Mr. Bennett's remarks. It has been always taken for granted in Vancouver that the post office officials have were shamefully overworked and were paid salaries that were very inadequate and out of proportion to the cost of living in Vancouver.

According to the reasoning of a post office inspector tried, true, and long in the service, this is all incorrect, unless all post office clerks are an underpaid overworked class. At least Vancouver clerks, according to Mr. Bennett, are not [illegible] ering more and perhaps not as much in this respect as those in other sections of Canada. Therefore the complaint of the clerks must fall to the ground, and the communication of the trades and labor council to the Dominion government must be without avail, for if Inspector Bennett's final official opinion be along the same lines as his opinions dropped in the course of his conversation with the Colonist correspondent, the alleged grievances of the post office officials of Vancouver brought to the notice of the government by the trades and labor council will never be remedied by the present government.

THE MANITOBA HARVEST.

Wheat Five Million Bushels Short of Estimate—Weather Conditions Best in Years.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—The final Manitoba government crop bulletin issued by the agricultural department reduces the August estimate of the wheat crop from 33,000,000 bushels to about 28,000,000. The principal causes of shrinkage were a period of draught in August when the wheat was filling and the ravages of the Hessian fly.

Harvest time was favorable, although a heavy snow storm, early in October, delayed stacking and threshing for a week or ten days. But this snow all disappeared, and since that date up to the first of December the weather has been without exception the finest experienced in Manitoba for over 20 years; plowing was continued in all parts of the province to the end of November.

THE JUDGE'S BLUNDER.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—In the O'Neill fraud case to-day Judge Choquette discovered a flaw in the evidence taken by Judge Sicotte in Chicago, Lansing, Mich., and Pontiac, Mich. It appears that according to Canadian law the stenographer who took the evidence should have been sworn that his notes were correct, which was not done. In consequence a new commission may be necessary. Decision on the matter was reserved.

DUNCANS IN LINE.

Nearly Four Hundred Dollars Realized at the Mansion House Fund Concert.

Duncans, Dec. 14.—The grand patriotic concert for the benefit of the Mansion House fund was a wonderful success, the Agricultural hall being filled until not standing room was left. Mr. Robinson, M.P.P., presided and the following programme was well rendered:

Chairman's Address ..... Mr. Robertson, Esq., M.P.P.
Pianoforte Solo ..... Mrs. Halhed.
Song—"The Old Brigade" ..... Harry Holmes.
Reading—"The Absent-Minded Beggar" Mr. Hands.
Song—"The Brave Sentinel" ..... J. Maitland-Dougall.
Song—"Private Tommy Atkins" ..... Mrs. Mellin.
Song—"The Englishman" ..... Sidney Roberts.
Duet—"After the Fray" ..... Miss and Mr. Norcross.
Song—"Death of Nelson" ..... Rev. Mr. Osborne.
Song ..... Mrs. R. Bazett.
Pianoforte Solo ..... Miss Robertson.

Farce—"Douchess of Bayswater & Co."
Sir Jeremy Jules ..... E. C. Musgrave (Valetudinarian.)
Duke of Bayswater ..... S. A. Roberts
Caryl Stubbs ..... Mr. Knox (Millionaire.)
Jenkyns ..... L. Foote
Duchess of Bayswater ..... A. Hadwen
Kathleen ..... L. Jaques (Sir Jeremy's Daughter.)

Pianoforte Solo ..... Mrs. G. and Master Kier.
Song—"Her Majesty" ..... Dr. Lucas.
Song—"The Carnival" ..... Mr. Maitland Dougall.
Song—"The Boer Fifth" ..... H. Williams.
Song ..... Miss Lloyd.
Song—"The Soldiers of the Queen" ..... Mr. Pooley.
Song—"The Empress of the Sea" ..... R. Allen.
Song—"The Girl I Left Behind Me" ..... G. Mellin.
Song ..... A. G. Dunne.
Song—"Marching" ..... H. Greaves.
Chorus—"Rule Britannia" ..... Glee Club.
"God Save the Queen" .....

Several of the participants were recalled and patriotism and enthusiasm ran high. Every one seemed eager to assist and the good round sum netted to the cause shows that the people of Cowichan are not behind in their patriotism. The amount realized was nearly $400.

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION.

Appointments to the Provincial Civil Service—Companies Incorporated and Registered.

Yesterday's provincial Gazette contained notices of the following appointments:

John E. Hooson, of Rossland, to be acting registrar of the county court of Kootenay, holden at Rossland during the absence of A. R. Townsend, registrar.

Alf. de Rupe Taylor of Ladner to be a deputy, within the municipality of Delta, of the district registrar of births, marriages and deaths.

Hugh B. Cameron, Grand Forks, to be a member of the board of licensing commissioners, vice Jeff Davis.

Robert T. Graham, of Lillooet, commissioner of East Lillooet license district, vice W. Livingstone.

Fred Billings, of Vernon, to be a member of the board of licensing commissioners and commissioners of police for said city.

John R. Ferguson, Midway; Jas. K. Strachan, Nelson; Lading Wurzbody, Vancouver, to be justices of the peace for the province.

The jurisdiction of A. M. Jarvis, inspector N.W.M.P., Dalton Trail, as stipendiary magistrate, has been transferred from Nanaimo to Vancouver district.

United Service Masonic Association, Esquimalt, and the Anglican Synod of New Westminster, apply for incorporation.

The corporation of Grand Forks will apply at the next session of the legislature for permission to deposit sewerage into the main Kettle river and the north fork of the same river.

The American Corporation of Rossland, capital, $200,000; Revelstoke Rink Company, of Revelstoke, capital $10,000; Pactolus Gold Mines, of Nelson, capital, $1,500,000, have been incorporated. The Bangwaketsi Concession Company, of London, Eng., capital £4,000, local office, Vancouver, W. J. Bowser, and J. J. Godfrey, attorneys; and The No. 7 Milling Company, of New York, capital $1,000,000, local office, Anaconda, and Fred Keffer, attorney, have been registered as extra-provincial companies.

Court of revision will be held at New Westminster city on January 12.

Chas. and Frederick Thulin, loggers, of Vancouver, have assigned. The creditors meet at Vancouver, December 26.

Beeton & Ovington, brokers, of Rossland, have dissolved partnership.

CHINESE CUSTOMS.

London, Dec. 13.—The Daily Mail publishes the following despatch from Shanghai: "It is reported here that the British and other ministers at Pekin have agreed to a revision of the Chinese customs tariff on condition that a joint foreign and Chinese board shall be applied to control the expenditure and the extra revenue."

BRAZIL MAKES A CLAIM.

Rio De Janiero, Dec. 13.—The government of Brazil will officially protest against the award of the arbitration tribunal of Paris on the frontier between the Contingo and Takutu rivers, which it is said belongs to Brazil and was not included in the protocols establishing the tribunal which arbitrated the British-Venezuelan questions.

A POLITICAL ARREST.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—F. H. Turnock and James Hooper of the Telegram were arrested to-night charged with conspiracy in connection with the Garnot election case.

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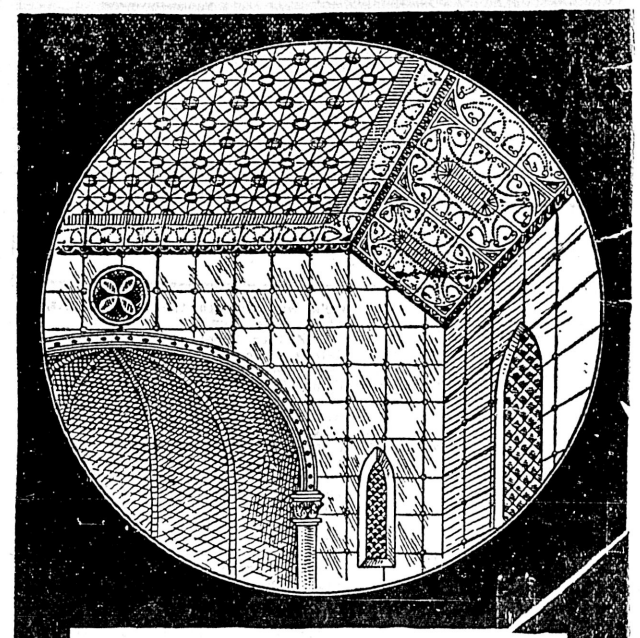

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